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Religious parties hold key to next Israeli government

Likud, Labour fail to muster majority

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Nov 2, (AP): Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's hardline Likud Bloc and its rival left-of-centre Labour Party today started bargaining with four religious parties in a bid to form a coalition government. Likud had an edge because it was likely to get a first crack at forming a coalition and its right-wing policies were ideologically more compatible with some religious parties.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, the Likud leader, rejected the idea of another national unity government like the one he and Labour leader Shimon Peres formed after the stalemate in the July 1984 elections.

"If Mr Peres put the international conference on top of his list, he burned all the bridges to a national unity government," Shamir said on Israel Radio.



Shimon Peres (right) and Peres casting their ballots in Israel's general election. (Reuters wirephoto)

Strip as well as strategy for dealing with the Palestinian uprising. The results indicated the nation of 4.4 million remained deeply divided on the issues of peace and security and that the election failed to produce the hoped-for consensus.

In the occupied territories, Israeli soldiers clashed with demonstrators in several localities today. One Arab was reported killed and two injured in the West Bank.

Complex negotiations over



cabinet posts and religious legislation could drag on for days if not weeks. Some religious party leaders said they were open-minded, and indicated they would demand a heavy price for participation in any government.

Following yesterday's balloting, neither of the large parties could create the 61-seat majority needed to rule in the 120-member Parliament without religious support.

With 99 per cent of the 4,840 polling stations reporting, Likud

had 39 seats, Labour had 38 and the religious parties a total of 18. Three of Labour's left-wing allies won 10 seats, three rightist Likud allies seven seats, and three Arab-oriented lists got eight seats.

After the final official vote count is published, the President traditionally calls on the largest party to try and form a government. But the head of state may decide to entrust the task to any party if it has a better chance of creating a ruling coalition.

President Chaim Herzog, formerly a Labour legislator, was unlikely to call on either major bloc until the publication next week. He planned to begin a series of meetings with party representatives either on Sunday or Monday, said spokesman Giora Porides.

"The President decides at his own free will. He usually doesn't speak but listens to party officials and sees where the wind blows," Porides said.

Enables

After projections showed Likud to be the party with the most seats, a smiling Shamir told party supporters early today that "the situation commands and enables the Likud to form Israel's next government."

Hours later Shamir and Peres began talks with the religious parties — the National Religious Party which got five seats and three ultra-orthodox factions: Shas (6), Agudat Yisrael (5) and the Torah Flag (2).

Most analysts interpreted the election results as a failure for Labour, which dropped from 44 seats in 1984 to 38 in yesterday's election. Peres, however, said Labour was still a contender, and indicated he would try to split the religious parties.

"I would not say that all religious people are necessarily right-wing," Peres said on Israel Radio. "We shall hear what they propose and if they all want the same thing."

Labour Party secretary-general Uzi Baram doubted his party could win over the religious parties and suggested Labour held a strong opposition.

Allegations

Shamir, 73, rejected leftist allegations that a Likud-led coalition would heighten chances of war. He said that as prime minister he would make "every effort to reach peace with our Arab neighbours as quickly as possible."

Three new parties entered Parliament, including two-seat Moledet (homeland) which calls for the ouster of 1.5 million Palestinians from the occupied territories. Likud needs Moledet's support to form a coalition, but Shamir said Moledet's platform would never be adopted as government policy.

'Setback for peace'

CAIRO, Nov 2, (Reuters): Most Arabs wanted Yitzhak Shamir to lose Israel's general election and many said his probable return to power after yesterday's poll was an obstacle to progress towards Middle East peace.

Jordan said it was sad that rightists appeared set to form the next government, but the United States and Egypt said they would deal with whoever came to power.

Yasser Arafat's PLO in a commentary by its news agency Wafa, said the election results were "a fatal blow for peace."

Harshness

Anticipating an alliance between Shamir's Likud Bloc and what it called extremist religious parties, Wafa said it expected "more harshness, hatred and terrorism from the Likud government."

Some Arab leaders and newspapers said it would make no difference whether Shamir, who started coalition talks with religious parties holding the balance in Parliament, or Shimon Peres' Labour Party took office.

"Even though the policy of the Likud is different from the policy of the Labour Party, we are sure that the strategy of Israel towards Lebanon and the region will not change whether Shamir or Peres wins the election," Lebanon's Syrian-backed acting

Prime Minister Selim El Hoss said in Beirut.

Egypt, the only Arab state to have official relations with Israel, said it would work for peace with whatever government emerged.

Deal

"It is natural for Egypt to deal with any new Israeli government," Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel-Maguid told reporters. "Egypt stresses the need to proceed with the peace process and will exert all possible efforts required in this direction."

Visiting US Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci said before leaving Cairo for talks in Israel that Washington would continue to work for Middle East peace whatever government took office. But he said it was too early to comment on the results.

Jordanian Prime Minister Zeid Al Rifai said yesterday, as Israelis were voting, that a Likud victory would be a "recipe for disaster" and would rule out chances of a negotiated settlement.

"We are disappointed... more than sad," Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri said after the results began coming in.

French Defence Minister Jean-Pierre Chevenement today welcomed the Israeli election results, saying the Likud Bloc was most likely to find a solution to Israel's problems despite its nationalist stance.

Norway, India embroiled in row over heavy water

OSLO, Nov 2, (Reuters): Norway and India traded charges today over reports that 15 tonnes of heavy water, which can be used to make atomic weapons, was illegally rerouted to Bombay in 1983.

The head of Norway's foreign affairs committee said he suspected the water, produced by industrial giant Norsk Hydro A/S, might have been used to make atomic weapons. The government promised to demand an explanation from India.

Denied

But India, which claims it possesses no nuclear weapons, denied Norwegian charges the water had been rerouted to Bombay in violation of international regulations. "India has not imported any heavy water from Norway," said a spokesman for the External Affairs Ministry.

"Reports that India had imported heavy water from sources other than the Soviet Union are aimed at maligning this coun-

try," S. Rajgopal of India's Atomic Energy Commission told Reuters in Bombay.

He added India imported only small quantities of heavy water, which can be used in making plutonium, from the Soviet Union under the strict safeguards of the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

The government spokesman said there had been no approach from the Norwegian embassy in New Delhi over the allegation.

"We communicate with embassies when they communicate with us. I am not aware of any communication from the Norwegians," he told a news briefing.

Conservative former prime minister Kaare Willoch, now head of Parliament's foreign affairs committee, said: "We suspect that the Norwegian heavy water (sent to India) may have

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GCC backs call for summit on Lebanon

RIYADH, Nov 2, (Agencies): The foreign ministers of GCC countries warned today that the situation in Lebanon was leading to strained inter-Arab relations and backed the call for an Arab summit on the issue.

The foreign ministers issued a communique at the end of their two-day meeting in Riyadh.

UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan has called for an emergency Arab summit on Lebanon, due to the deepening partition after 13 years of civil war. Two governments now rule in Beirut, one Muslim and one Christian.

"In view of the grave situation in Lebanon and what it faces of a threat to its unity, sovereignty and independence... the (GCC) council welcomes the initiative and affirms the importance of preparing for the summit with a preparatory Arab League council session," said the statement.

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HH the Amir (right) yesterday bid farewell to Waldheim.

Iraq and Iran trade charges

GENEVA, Nov 2, (UPI): Iraq and Iran accused each other at resumed Gulf peace talks today of holding up the immediate humanitarian release and repatriation of all prisoners of war.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has registered 50,162 Iraqi prisoners in Iran and 19,284 Iranians held in Iraq but estimates the true total at some 100,000 with almost a two-to-one advantage for Iran.

Foreign Ministers Tareq Aziz of Iraq and Ali Akbar Velayati of Iran exchanged charges and counter-charges concerning the POWs in press statements before a new joint meeting with UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

Aziz called in the morning on Cornelio Sommaruga, President of the neutral and all-Swiss ICRC, and afterwards told reporters that Iraq accepted "immediate and unconditional" POW release and repatriation.

He said the exchange could proceed independently of troop withdrawals and other "political issues" under discussion at the peace negotiations.

Initiative

"It is regrettable that this humanitarian initiative by the ICRC has been frustrated by Iran's virtual refusal to accept the ICRC appeal to start the repatriation operation immediately and independently of the political negotiations," Aziz said.

The Iraqi minister later charged Tehran with using the POW issue "to win political concessions."

An aide claimed that Iran, because it holds many more prisoners, wants to get Iraq to drop its claim of sovereignty over the Shatt Al Arab waterway running into the Gulf between the two countries.

Iraqi charges were swiftly rejected by Velayati who said through his spokesman that the POW issue cannot be separated from the context of UN Security Council Resolution 598 which provides the agenda for negotiations.

"The most urgent issue is withdrawal of forces to reinforce the (Aug 20) ceasefire," the spokesman said.

Repatriation

Iran would then agree at once to POW repatriation, he said.

It is Iraq which is in fact preventing all prisoners from returning home, the Velayati's spokesman said, by "going outside Resolution 598" and refusing to accept the frontier running down the middle of Shatt Al Arab as agreed in 1975.

The UN does in fact call for a ceasefire to be followed at once by withdrawal of forces "to internationally recognised boundaries." POW repatriation is stipulated as step number two.

Perez de Cuellar, his aides said, was focussing efforts on breaking the POW repatriation impasse, at least for all sick and wounded prisoners.

Waldheim leaves Kuwait

Austria supports creation of Palestinian state

KUWAIT, Nov 2, (Reuters): Austrian President Kurt Waldheim, has condemned measures to quell an 11-month-old Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"Austria strongly rejects the current Israeli practices against the Palestinian people in the Arab occupied territories and asks Israel to stop its violations of Palestinian human rights," Waldheim told the Kuwait News Agency in an interview today.

Waldheim, warmly welcomed as a sympathetic world statesman during a three-day visit to Kuwait, later left for Turkey.

The Austrian President, accompanied by his Foreign Minister Alois Mock and a com-

mercial delegation, said his talks in Kuwait had focussed on ways to boost economic ties.

A meeting with HH the Amir of Kuwait covered Iran-Iraq peace talks and the Arab-Israeli dispute.

Mock said today his country backed the creation of an independent Palestinian state in Israeli occupied territories.

"We think the Palestinians... must determine their future and set up a Palestinian state," he told a news conference.

But he did not say whether his government would recognise the state, expected to be declared by the Palestine National Council (PNC) at a meeting in Algiers later this month.

Pakistani politicians on the stump

RAWALPINDI, Nov 2, (AP): Pakistani candidates are traversing the nation courting thousands of voters en route to Nov 16 elections and a chance to lead the nation following the mysterious death of former President Gen. Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq.

"I have come to the city where (former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali) Bhutto was martyred, but I don't come with a message of revenge," Benazir Bhutto yesterday proclaimed to a crowd of thousands at the train station here, invoking the name of her slain father.

"We will fight dictatorship, as we have done since 1977 when my democratically elected father was removed from prime ministership," the Pakistan People's

Party's 35-year-old leader said. "Our struggle will continue till PPP's government comes into power, but I assure everyone, we will resort to no violence," she said.

She arrived in Rawalpindi yesterday completing an emotional 800-mile train journey.

Rawalpindi is the headquarters of the Pakistani Army, which dominates the nation's politics. Former Prime Minister Bhutto was executed in 1979, on a charge of conspiracy to murder a political opponent, two years after his overthrow by Zia.

Benazir started a whistle stop campaign from Karachi on Sunday. Yesterday she appealed to her slogan-chanting supporters to go door-to-door and persuade people to vote for PPP when

choosing 237 members of the National Assembly and the four regional assemblies three days later, on Nov 19.

"This is the request of your sister, the daughter of your martyred leader," she said.

Benazir is pitted against the nine-party Islamic Democratic Alliance, which includes the Pakistan Muslim League, headed by former Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo.

Nawaz Sharif, another IDA leader, criticised the PPP at a rally at Lahore. He called PPP leaders "traitors" adding, "we will prefer to die, but will not accept their government."

He also said that Pakistan should make nuclear bombs if needed for its defence.

Bus plunges killing 62

SRINAGAR, India, Nov 2, (UPI): A bus today careened off a road and hurtled into a deep gorge in northern Jammu and Kashmir state, killing 62 passengers and injuring two others, police said.

Police said the tragedy occurred near Kishtwar, about 95 miles (150 km) southeast of New Delhi, when the vehicle bound for the state's winter capital of Jammu jumped over a concrete lane divider while negotiating a curve.

The vehicle crashed through a roadside safety railing, plunged down a more than 100-foot-deep (30-m-deep) gorge and smashed apart at the bottom, killing 62 people, police said.

A rescue team found two people alive in the wreckage with serious injuries, police said.

They said rescuers faced problems in bringing up the injured and the bodies as the sides of the gorge were extremely steep. Authorities pressed a helicopter into the recovery operation.

The state's Chief Minister, Farooq Abdullah, rushed to the site in a helicopter and announced that payments of 10,000 rupees (\$690) would be made to the families of the dead.

Iraq wants peace with neighbours

BAGHDAD, Nov 2, (Reuters): Iraq wants peace with its neighbours but rejects foreign interference in its internal affairs, Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan said yesterday while opening the 25th Baghdad International Fair.

"Iraq wants peace and good relations with all neighbouring and friendly countries," Ramadan said, "Iraq is serious in its endeavours for peace and in co-operating with all international efforts."

"Iraq's foreign policy rests on national principles which believe in international relations based on equality and mutual exchange," said Ramadan, quoted by the official Iraqi News Agency (INA).

Such a foreign policy "rejects any kind of hegemony and interference in (Iraq's) internal affairs by anyone," he said.

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Rival Polish unions unite to fight closure of Lenin shipyard in Gdansk

GDANSK, Poland, Nov. 2. (Reuters): Solidarity joined forces with Poland's official Opzz trade unions today to stop the closure of the Lenin shipyard where the banned union was born in 1980. Solidarity leader Lech Walesa said.

Walesa said thousands of Solidarity supporters and Opzz members rallied at the yard and agreed on joint action to save it from the Dec 1 shutdown ordered by Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski.

Gathering
Shipyard director Czeslaw Tolwinski meanwhile announced he had refused to carry out the liquidation of Poland's biggest shipyard, saying it was economically unjustified. Management had a plan to save the yard, he said in a communique.

"For the first time we managed to sing in one chorus — management, Opzz and Solidarity," Walesa told reporters after the gathering.

"We will fight together for the cradle of Solidarity because it (the closure decision) was a political mistake and it should not have happened."

Reporters were unable to attend the rally. But Walesa said 8-10,000 men were present and it was the biggest there since Solidarity's heyday in 1980 when strikers forced the government to accept the communist world's first independent trade union.

Rakowski announced the closure of the heavily-subsidised, loss-making yard on Monday, saying it was a purely economic move and the first of many closures planned in a long-overdue streamlining of Poland's economy.

Provocation
Walesa says the move is a political provocation aimed at the heart of Solidarity and it will cause tension and conflicts in Poland.

Walesa said there were no immediate plans for protests in Gdansk, where British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is due to meet him for talks on Friday during a three-day visit to Poland.

16 killed in Polish plane crash

WARSAW, Nov. 2. (AP): A Soviet-built plane of the Polish Lot airline crashed in southeastern Poland this morning, and as many as 16 people were reported killed.

The official PAP news agency reported that 16 people had died in the crash, but a police official near the scene said that figure was too high and could confirm only one death.

Five people were reported hospitalized in the area, and 10 were said to have been treated and released. Police Captain Jerzy Pacula said many passengers suffered only minor injuries.

The Antonov 24 plane, on a flight from Warsaw to the southern city of Rzeszow, crashed near Rzeszow in the village of Bialobrzegi, PAP said. It was carrying 25 passengers and a crew of four, it said and added that rescue action was under way.

Control
The plane went down — apparently due to a mechanical failure — at 10.11 am in an empty field about 270 kilometres (170 miles) southeast of Warsaw, said Pacula, the officer on duty at police headquarters in Rzeszow. He said the pilot was moments from making an emergency landing when he lost control and the aircraft plummeted into the ground.

All the crew members survived, and the slightly injured pilot was aiding rescue operations at the scene, Pacula said. He said workers were planning to cut into the side of the plane to free passengers believed still trapped inside.

Parkinson's disease

FRANKFURT, West Germany, Nov. 2. (AP): A West German researcher has concluded that Nazi dictator Adolf Hitler suffered from Parkinson's disease during the last years of his life, a leading newspaper reported today.

Hitler's health greatly deteriorated toward the end of his life, and there has been previous speculation that he suffered from Parkinson's disease.

Dukakis vows to do everything to free US hostages in Lebanon

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2. (Reuters): Presidential candidate Michael Dukakis, struggling to overcome rival George Bush's growing lead, condemned the administration's efforts to free US hostages and vowed to do "everything I can" to win their release.

Despite Dukakis' more aggressive style, public sentiment continues to swing Bush's way. A Washington Post-ABC News survey, published today, showed Bush with a 55 per cent to 42 per cent lead over Dukakis.

The poll reflects a steady increase in Bush's support, although Republicans and Democrats voiced their dissatisfaction with both candidates.

With less than one week remaining until the Nov 8 election, Dukakis sought to reverse his slide in opinion polls by resurrecting the Iran-Contra scandal and Bush's role in it as vice-president.

Reunite
"As president of the United States I will do everything I can to get those hostages back, to reunite them with their families," Dukakis said in an interview broadcast last night by Cable News network.

"Those hostages and their

families have gone through agony and the trading of arms to the Ayatollah (Iran's religious leader Ayatollah Khomeini) for hostages was a terrible mistake," Dukakis said.

In the scandal, White House operatives sold arms to Iran and diverted the money from the sale to finance US-backed rebels in Nicaragua. The arms sale allegedly was aimed at obtaining the release of US hostages in Lebanon, an accusation President Reagan denies.

Bush insists he did not participate in the decision to sell the arms, but Dukakis charged that the vice-president attended 17 meetings in which the subject was discussed.

In a videotaped message from hostage Terry Anderson released in Beirut on Monday, both Bush and Dukakis were criticised for not raising the hostage situation during their campaign.

The Islamic Jihad holds Anderson, Beirut bureau chief for the Associated Press, and Thomas Sutherland, dean of agriculture at the American University of Beirut. They are among a total of 17 Westerners believed held as hostages in Lebanon.

The question of kidnapped

Americans has been an emotional issue in the United States, where voters turned against President Jimmy Carter in 1980 to a large extent because of his handling of the hostage crisis in Iran.

Bush, due to campaign today in Illinois and Michigan, has begun striking a conciliatory tone in the closing days of the presidential race.

"I do want a kinder and gentler nation," he told an audience in Wisconsin tonight. "I do believe that we're all God's children and that his love, while free, has a self-imposed cost — we've got to be good to one another."

The Washington Post-ABC News poll, conducted October 26-31, found an unusually high number of Americans unhappy with the quality of the campaign and the candidates.

According to the survey, more than eight out of 10 voters said Dukakis and Bush devoted more time to attacking each other than they did to discussing important issues facing the nation.

Approximately three out of every five people interviewed for the survey said Bush had waged a "dirty" campaign, while two out of five felt the same way about Dukakis.

India and Norway embroiled in row ...

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been used to make atomic weapons."

Norway's assistant state prosecutor Tor Aksel Busch said yesterday the heavy water, sold to a West German firm Rohstoff-Einfuhr GmbH in December 1983 by Hydro, travelled from Basel, Switzerland, to Bombay on a flight which also carried several tonnes delivered from the Soviet Union.

Forbidden

Hydro has manufactured about 450 tonnes of the water since the early 1950s. Duesseldorf-based Rohstoff-Einfuhr, owned by West German businessman Alfred Hempel, imports and distributes materials for scientific research.

International regulations forbid the shipment of more than one tonne of heavy water to India, which has refused to sign a Non-Proliferation Treaty aimed at halting the spread of nuclear weapons.

"We will raise the issue with India to clarify what has happened," Trade Minister Jan Balstad said in a statement.

"It is very regrettable that Norwegian heavy water seems to have gone to a country that has not signed the Non-Proliferation Treaty," he added. "This is not a nice affair for Norway."

Minister quits

KAMPALA, Uganda, Nov. 2. (AP): A cabinet minister recently accused of allegedly drawing a pistol during an argument with a woman in a Kampala hotel has resigned. Radio Uganda announced today.

The state-owned radio said President Yoweri Museveni accepted Internal Affairs Minister Kahinda Otalifire's resignation, "because the National Resistance Movement government will not tolerate any indiscipline displayed by anybody regardless of his position, such as shown by Otalifire."

Otalifire was responsible of prisons, police and immigration departments. Radio Uganda did not say if he had been asked to resign.

GCC backs call for summit on Lebanon

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The GCC communique warned that the situation in Lebanon also threatened to lead to "tension in Arab relations."

Iraq has been supporting the Christian government in Beirut, while Syria, which considers Lebanon its sphere of influence, supports the Muslim one.

The communique affirmed the GCC backing for the uprising by the 1.5 million Palestinian inhabitants of the Israeli-held West Bank and Gaza Strip, now in its 11th month. It also voiced support for the upcoming session of the Palestine National Council or parliament-in-exile, which is expected to announce unilateral independence in the two occupied areas.

Later asked by reporters if the Gulf states would accord recognition to such a Palestinian state, the Saudi Foreign Minister

Prince Saud Al Faisal replied that the GCC "always backed the Palestinian brethren in their aspirations and will naturally continue along that course."

The conference was called in large part to discuss the role of the GCC in pushing the stalled peace negotiations between Iran and Iraq to end the eight-year Gulf war.

The meeting, the second of its kind since the United Nations-brokered ceasefire went into effect on Aug. 20, coincided with the resumption of peace talks in Geneva.

The statement only reaffirmed GCC support for UN Security Council Resolution 598 as basis for the peace settlement. And it expressed support for the UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar for his efforts in the talks.

Saud, who hosted the ministerial conference at the GCC

headquarters, reiterated King Fahd's olive branch approach to Tehran, by saying that the kingdom sought good relations with all Islamic nations.

"Iran has a basic and important role in stability and security of the region and also has a basic role in the building of a prosperous future for this region," Saud said.

Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed returned home today from Riyadh after attending the GCC meeting.

AIDS infection case

ATLANTA, Nov. 2. (Reuters): A jury, in what is believed to be the first judgement of its kind in the United States, has awarded over a million dollars to a man who said he contracted AIDS from a blood-based haemophilia medicine.

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Algerians vote on political reforms

ALGIERS, Nov. 2. (AP): Algerians vote on Thursday in a referendum that is the first step toward a series of reforms promised by President Chadli Benjedid following a week of bloody riots that left 176 people dead by official counts.

About 12 million people are expected to go to the polls and overwhelmingly approve the first measures moving toward greater freedom.

The Justice Ministry announced that 1,500 people arrested during the riots would be released today. An estimated 3,000 people, mostly young men, were detained. The government says 1,500 already have been freed.

In announcing the referendum in a television address on Oct. 11, Benjedid said it would further the "democratisation" of this North African country of 25 million. Political observers said it would give Benjedid a mandate to phase out one-party rule.

Since he took over the presidency in 1979, Benjedid has made repeated efforts to weaken the system in which the only legal party, the National Liberation

Front, controls almost every aspect of society including the economy, press, police and judicial system.

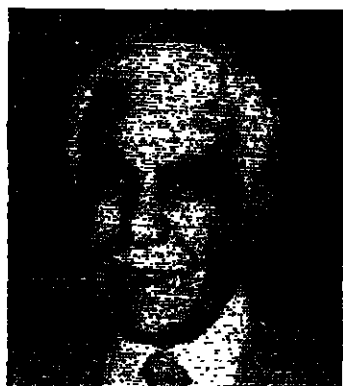
The referendum would require Benjedid to name a prime minister who would then be responsible to the National Assembly. The effect of this change would be to free the government, headed by a prime minister, from the domination of the party.

The prime minister would have increased power while the president, who is also secretary-general of the party, could remain above the fray.

Democratic
In late December, the party congress will take the second step in the reform programme, considering "greater democratisation of political action."

Benjedid has not spelled out what will be considered by the party barons in sessions closed to the public.

The final step will be a second referendum at an unspecified date early next year on "political and institutional modifications." It is supposed to bring democratic measures to the



Benjedid: reforms national charter and to the nation's constitution.

Posters reading "together we are building the future" lined avenues in the capital, encouraging people to vote. The Algerian Communist Party, which operates clandestinely, and Islamic fundamentalist leaders urged voters to stay away from the polls.

Unemployment, a scarcity of staples, rising prices and a declining standard of living were among the complaints of Algerians who took to the streets on Oct. 4.

The Interior Ministry said 176 people were killed by government troops throughout the country during the six days of violent protest. Unofficial estimates put the death toll at more than 400.

US expresses concern about Pakistan's security

Soviets send missiles to Kabul

MOSCOW, Nov. 2. (UPI): The Soviet Union announced it is supplying some of its most advanced weapons, including medium-range missiles, to Afghanistan in a bid to counter rebel rocket attacks that the Kabul regime says are being instigated by Pakistan.

In Washington, the US State Department identified the weapons as surface-to-surface Scud missiles capable of reaching Pakistan, and pointedly pledged its continued "full support" for Islamabad.

The Soviet news agency, Tass, said in a dispatch from Kabul the missiles were paraded through the Afghan capital yesterday.

A statement by the Afghan general staff, released in Kabul and carried by Tass, said "extremists, instigated by their Pakistani patrons," have not heeded warnings to stop shelling populated areas in Afghanistan.

"This is why a new kind of weapon, namely long-range missiles with great destructive power, was adopted for service by the Afghan Army to defend the territorial integrity and national sovereignty and repel

foreign aggression."

On Monday, Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov said Moscow was stepping up arms shipments, including the "most advanced" weapons in the Soviet arsenal, to Kabul to counter increased Pakistani arms supplies to the anti-communist Islamic guerrillas.

Attacks by the US-backed mujahideen rebels have escalated since the Soviets began withdrawing troops from Afghanistan under an international agreement that calls for a complete Soviet pullout in February. It is estimated the rebels control as much as 80 per cent of Afghan territory.

Tass said in a dispatch from Kabul "the powerful long-range weapons supplied to the Afghan Army rolled through the streets accompanied by armoured personnel carriers."

In Washington, State Department spokesman Charles Redman described the missiles as SS-1 Scuds, the "B" version of the Soviet-made Scud used by Iran and Iraq in their "war of the cities" during the Gulf war.

The Scud missiles are officially classified as medium-range weapons, with the standard version capable of hitting targets within 190 miles (300 km).

Redman said the State Department believed it was the first time Scuds have been seen in Afghanistan.

Kabul, capital of Afghanistan and seat of the Kremlin-backed government of President Najibullah, has been shelled with greater regularity in the past months as the Feb 15 date for a full Soviet withdrawal approaches.

The Soviets have already pulled out 55,000 troops as part of a nine-month withdrawal that began May 15 as specified in the Geneva accords of April.

Casualties
But the Kremlin has charged that Pakistan has been violating the Geneva agreements by supplying the Afghan rebels with American-made arms.

"In the past month, Kabul was rocketed with ground-to-ground missiles 23 times and it was mostly massed firing," Tass said. "Over 150 rockets hit the city. A lot of rockets also fell on

Jalalabad, an important administrative centre of Nangarhar province, last month, and casualties there topped 130," it said.

Najibullah, who is trying to hold on to power against the rebel insurgency, said the new arms are operational tactical weapons and will be used against centres from which the mujahideen launch rocket attacks, Tass reported.

After eight years of trying to keep a communist government in power by fighting mujahideen rebels, the Soviets in April signed the Geneva agreements with Pakistan, Afghanistan and the United States for a nine-month pullout from the war. Mikhail Gorbachev called a "bleeding wound."

In a related development, the spokesman welcomed the scheduled arrival last night of Burhanuddin Rabbani, leader of the Islamic society guerrilla group and current head of the main rebel alliance. He announced on Monday in Islamabad that the alliance was reviving plans for elections to create its own government after Soviet troops withdraw.

Aquino suspends shipping line

MANILA, Nov. 2. (AP): President Corason Aquino today ordered the country's largest domestic shipping line to suspend operations indefinitely, nine days after one of its ships sailed into a typhoon and sank with an estimated 500 people aboard.

Last December, another of the company's ships collided with an oil tanker and more than 3,000 people were believed to have perished.

Transportation Secretary Reinerio Reyes told reporters the indefinite suspension of Sulpicio Lines Inc. was effective immediately.

"The main reason we want to prevent loss of life," Reyes said, "is we want to make sure they (ships) are seaworthy and manned by competent crews."

Sulpicio operates 22 passenger and cargo vessels, which account for 20 per cent of domestic sea traffic among the Philippines' 7,200 islands.

Sulpicio's passenger ship, the Dona Marilyn, sank on Oct. 24 during typhoon Ruby with about 500 people aboard, and hundreds remain unaccounted for. Warnings that the typhoon would strike the area of the sinking had been issued 24 hours earlier.

Hirohito losing weight, strength

TOKYO, Nov. 2. (UPI): Emperor Hirohito is losing weight and strength and doctors are having difficulty finding healthy veins to administer blood transfusions, a palace spokesman said today.

Spokesman Kenji Maeda said there was no major change in the emperor's condition today but the 87-year-old monarch is generally weakening after 45 days in bed and 51 blood transfusions.

Hirohito, the last surviving major leader of World War II, has been given blood transfusions almost daily since he first began bleeding internally on Sept. 19 due to suspected abdominal cancer.

Hirohito had a small blood discharge today, and doctors gave him a transfusion of about a pint of blood, Maeda said. His vital signs remained normal, he said.

US backs Sihanouk to lead Kampuchea

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2. (AP): The United States has officially endorsed Prince Norodom Sihanouk as the man to lead any future government in strife-torn Kampuchea.

The message was conveyed personally to Sihanouk at a meeting yesterday in Paris with Assistant Secretary of State Gaston Sigur. The meeting covered many-sided efforts to end the 10-year Vietnamese occupation of Kampuchea, said US State Department spokesman Charles Redman.

Sigur reiterated US President Reagan's support for Sihanouk,

"for the non-communist resistance forces in Kampuchea and for a negotiated process that can restore genuine self-determination to the Kampuchean people," Redman said.

"Dr Sigur expressed continued American support for Prince Sihanouk's efforts to achieve a settlement in Kampuchea that will result in complete withdrawal of Vietnamese forces from that country, while preventing a return to power by the Khmer Rouge," he said.

Asked if the United States had determined that Sihanouk was the choice of the Kampuchean people in accordance with the goal of self-determination, Redman said he was favoured "on

the basis that all of these Kampuchean factions agree that there needs to be a central figure. And I think that everyone who has looked at this believes that Prince Sihanouk is the one person who can play that role."

Redman was asked if the United States agrees with a recent Sihanouk statement that once communist Khmer Rouge leaders blamed for the murders of millions of Kampuchean are excluded from power it would be acceptable to include moderate Khmer Rouge elements in a future government.

"Exactly how this will turn out ... is something for the Kampuchean themselves to decide," Redman replied.

China to help Bangladesh in controlling floods

BEIJING, Nov. 2. (AP): President Hussain Muhammad Ershad of Bangladesh ended a two-day visit today after reaching agreement on co-operation with China on flood control and water conservancy.

According to a press communiqué, the two sides agreed to set up a joint expert group to explore co-operation in this area, the official Xinhua news agency reported.

Ershad, who met today with Premier Li Peng, is seeking regional co-operation from India, Nepal, Bhutan and China to help prevent flooding that perennially strikes Bangladesh.

This August, flood waters submerged three-fourths of the country and killed more than 1,000 people.

The communiqué said Ershad briefed the Chinese side on the causes of the flood and Bangladesh's ideas concerning flood control.

Flooding in Bangladesh has worsened in recent years due to deforestation in the Himalayan mountain range running along the southern border of Tibet in China and the northern borders of India and Nepal.

Bail for Imelda

NEW YORK, Nov. 2. (AP): Prosecutors and defence lawyers have worked out a bail package for ex-Philippines first lady Imelda Marcos, according to a source close to the case.

Both sides were expected to present the compromise deal to US district judge John Keenan at a hearing in federal court in Manhattan today.

Mrs Marcos pleaded innocent on Monday to charges she and her husband pillaged the Philippine national treasury of \$103 million and funnelled it into the United States to purchase real estate and artworks.

The New York Post reported today that the \$5 million bail set Monday would be paid by tobacco heiress Doris Duke, 75.

Sri Lanka plans to impose curfew

Marxists call for strike

COLOMBO, Nov. 2. (UPI): Less than 24 hours after stealing hundreds of weapons from a military camp, a Sinhalese extremist group today called for a nationwide strike in a "day of protest" against the government of President Junius Jayewardene.

The Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) — or Peoples Liberation Front — announced the strike for Thursday in statements sent to newspapers and in posters pasted on buildings and walls throughout the capital.

The Cabinet, holding its regular weekly session, was considering declaring a curfew to pre-empt the protest and summoned security force commanders for consultations, official sources said.

In its notices, the JVP called for the closing of all shops, business, hotels and government offices and a halt to all transportation services.

Sikh radicals held for bomb blasts

CHANDIGARH, India, Nov. 2. (Reuters): Indian police today arrested four alleged Sikh militants they believe were responsible for two of three bombs that killed 21 people.

Police said they arrested the three after capturing a Sikh militant carrying explosives last night in the northern town of Dharamsala, home of the Dalai Lama, the exiled Tibetan spiritual leader.

The captured man, who was not identified, named three men as being responsible for two bombs which exploded in the Punjab city of Pathankot yesterday, killing seven people, police said.

A third bomb yesterday caused the worst carnage. It exploded on a bus from Pathankot to Jammu City in Jammu and Kashmir state, killing 14 people and injuring 50.

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The group also urged the public to boycott state-run media, observe a blackout Thursday night and hoist red and white flags from their homes.

It said the "day of protest" was called to commemorate the April 16 slaying of one of its senior members allegedly on the orders of Fisheries Minister Festus Perera, who has denied the charge.

Slayings

The JVP said it was also protesting the Oct 22 slayings of three Sinhalese youths allegedly involving the son of a ruling United National Party provincial chief minister.

In a second statement issued to newspapers, the group claimed responsibility for a dawn raid on Tuesday by about 100 fatigued fighters on a military camp near Colombo.

Nine people were killed in a two-hour battle between security

forces and the attackers, who made off with almost the entire contents of the facility's armory, including about 400 firearms and thousands of rounds of ammunition.

The arms heist greatly boosted the threat to the government posed by the JVP, which previously had only a limited number of modern weapons.

The JVP is composed of an estimated 5,000 ultra-nationalist members of the island's majority Buddhist Sinhalese ethnic community seeking to topple Jayewardene for signing in July 1987 an accord with India that grants limited autonomy to northeastern areas inhabited by the mostly Hindu Tamil minority.

The move was designed to satisfy demands for independence by Tamil rebels in order to end their more than five-year-old war against the Sinhalese-controlled government, but the JVP considered it tantamount to partition of the island.

Sudanese demonstrate

KHARTOUM, Nov. 2. (AP): Riot police dispersed thousands of rioting young people with tear gas and batons today as university students joined demonstrations against high food prices and Prime Minister Sadek El Mahdi's government, witnesses said.

In addition to expanding to college students, there were indications today that Muslim fundamentalists had added their cause to the demonstrations.

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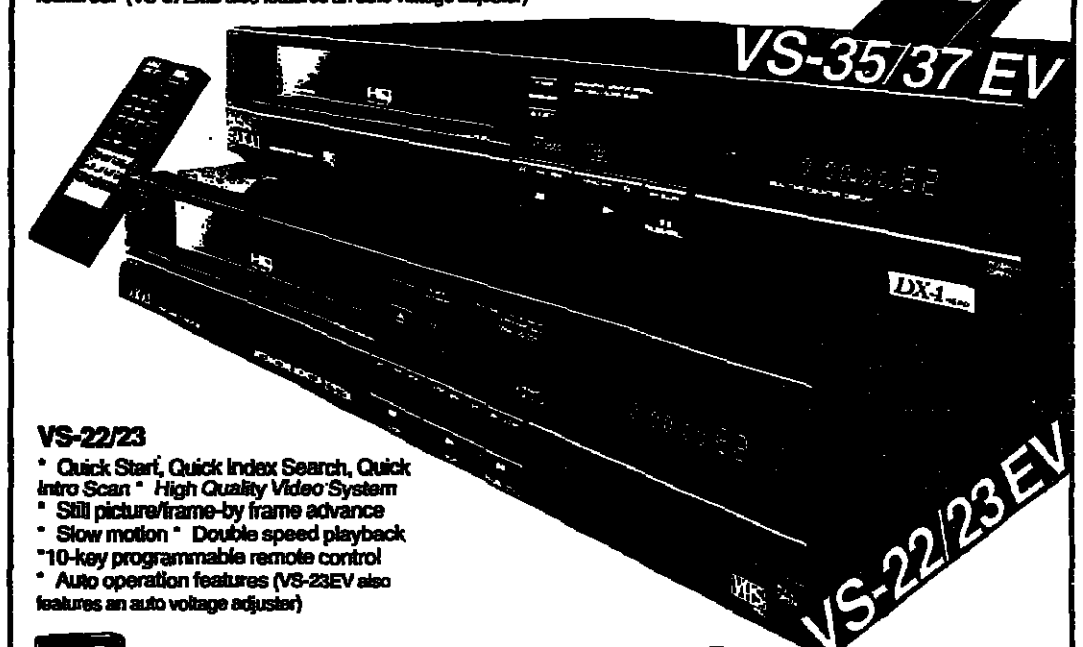
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Japan: economic, diplomatic giant

"DON'T think it is correct to say that Japan stands in the shadow of the US," asserts Japanese Ambassador Tetsuya Kurokawa. "Yes, we maintain close ties with the US — economic and otherwise, but this should not hinder us from implementing our own foreign policy," he adds.

It has not hindered them at all. Japan's foreign aid package, which amounted to \$25 billion in the last four years, will be doubled. A major part of the so-called "South" to develop their economy and society.

The North and South flourish. The South develops the North cannot develop alone. To achieve world prosperity and stability, the North and the so-called South have to work together," he said.

Thus, the emphasis on enhancing foreign aid to developing countries.

Today, word for Japan, as for many countries in today's shrinking world, is "interdependence." As Japan is a leading "exporting country", it relies heavily on imported supplies of raw materials, fuel and food.

Foreign trade is the lifeline for Japan and its people, and the balance of trade has been in their favour. And the economic friction between Japan and its trading partners, mainly the US, is common knowledge. Aware of the responsibility to maintain the balance, Japan opened its doors for all importers, stressing the urgent need for free trade.

Japan's trade with the Gulf, which has been the main support of its industrial production, has grown steadily. The Gulf countries exported \$6.9 per cent of Japan's oil needs in 1987, and

Japan — once sheltered by the US — is increasingly emerging as an economic power in the world, applying the balance of trade in its favour. In recent years, the country has begun redefining its image — restructuring as the Japanese describe, for the "transformation development of the world economy", emphasising interdependence and free trade as a member of GATT to reduce tariffs and non-tariff barriers. Steadily, Japan has been making its presence felt in the diplomatic field. On the eve of Japan Week in Kuwait, the new Japanese Ambassador Tetsuya Kurokawa talks to *Arab Times* about his country's new role in world politics and economy.



Japanese Ambassador Tetsuya Kurokawa
57.3 per cent in 1986. Oil exports from here amounted to 55.5 per cent in the first six months this year. Of the total, Kuwait's share in 1986 was valued at KD 1.1 billion (14 per cent of total exports from Kuwait). The value of imports from Japan that year was \$1.4 billion (24 per cent of

total imports). Through JICA — the Japan International Co-operation Agency — Japan has enhanced technical co-operation with Kuwait, sending 28 telecommunication experts, who brought equipment worth 13 million yen, to sort out the problems in the field. Over 146 trainees from Kuwait received expert guidance in Japan in the same field.

Expansion
Kurokawa is not satisfied with just technical co-operation because "there are possibilities of further expansion."

"We are convinced that by building up the young, (and improving) knowledge, we can help in the construction of a modern state," stressed Kurokawa.

One recent example is the installation of the navigation security system at a total cost of \$1,226,305 in co-operation with Kuwait, which is providing land and will manage it. Work on the project is expected to start shortly.

Kurokawa believes Japan and Kuwait share a strong common destiny: both are proud of their

traditions and jealously guard their cultural heritage. At the same time they are modernising.

"This is an important finding," said Kurokawa. It is one factor, perhaps, that spurs Japan to continue to remain a "good partner" in backing Middle East peace efforts, particularly in the Palestinian issue. Japan has repeatedly — six times to be exact — denounced Israeli atrocities in Gaza and the West Bank during the uprising (intifada).

On a humanitarian level, Japan has since 1973 contributed a total of \$140 million through UNRWA. This year, they have given \$16 million to aid Palestinian refugees. Recently, the Japanese Elementary and Preparatory Boys School, costing \$1 million and funded by Japan, was opened.

"As long as problems exist and the Palestinian live in poor conditions, we want to help them," said Kurokawa, outlining his country's broader perspective of creating "mutual understanding among people of the world."

Understanding
"In order to establish world peace, promoting mutual understanding is of utmost importance. If people know each other, they don't fight against each other," he claims. So, cultural exchanges acquire importance, they become a "vital factor."

Kurokawa took up his new post 10 days ago. He modestly admits to "courageously learning" about Kuwait and the Gulf and views his current job as a means to "widen my narrow scope of knowledge" about the region. A career diplomat, he was assigned to "Descent" before joining his current post.

Institute of Music revives the classics

By Yehuda Hatzanque

BAHRAIN: Classical music in Bahrain is mostly confined to as traditional or folk music.

Sometimes times this type of music has been associated with sea and pearl fishing in the island. Until oil was discovered in 1932, traditional music flourished as sailors and pearl fishermen sang the "pearl of the Gulf" using the theme of their simple life.

But, with modernisation and the decline of fishing industry, traditional music was slowly replaced by popular or modern music. With the rise in the standard of living and with more Bahrainis being influenced by Western music traditional music took a backseat.

Bahrain's growing image as the most cosmopolitan nation in the region led to a dramatic change in people's taste in music. The country's young generation abandoned the rich musical heritage of Bahrain, preferring instead the popular music of the day.

Revival
However, there has been a gradual revival of classical music in Bahrain in recent times, thanks to an institution that in only two years has done more than any other centre to rekindle the love and appreciation of classical music in Bahrain.

The Classic Institute of Music was founded in December 1986 by a Bahraini businessman, Jalal Al Ebrahim, with the aim of preserving Bahrain's traditional music heritage as well as teaching music to aspiring students and musicians.

According to Waheed Al Khan, the institute's young director, the institute does not aspire to be a commercial venture, but a genuine centre of music offering the best facilities.

"We are not here to make money, although we need financial help to survive. Fortunately we have backing from various sources of our work. The government is also being supportive and encouraging in all aspects," said Al Khan.

Commenting on the instruments that are used for classical music in the Arab world, Al Khan said that although it is difficult to pinpoint the country of origin of each instrument, there have been different versions of each instrument in different cultures and nations worldwide. The original versions have been more or less modified to suit a particular taste and culture over the centuries.

He said the "oud" or flute is the most popular and widely used instrument for classical music in the Arab world. The

instrument originated in the Middle East and was popularised during the Abbasid Dynasty. It was later picked up in Europe. The oboe, a wind instrument, is another instrument used by the Arabs.

The institute offers courses in piano, guitar, harp, violin, saxophone, flute, oboe, clarinet and voice with piano, oboe and voice being the most popular among the students.

According to Al Khan about 95 per cent of the nearly 140 students at the institute are Arabs.

Heritage
"Although we have students from various nationalities, most of our students are Arabs. This proves that our people are beginning to appreciate our rich musical heritage. About half of our students are under 12. It is heartening to learn that so many young children are taking to classical music in this country."

Before a student is accepted in a course he or she undergoes a tough test. "Our young students in particular are extremely talented. They have done well beyond our expectations. They have all produced quick results and are fast learners," said Al Khan.

The institute performs adaptations of famous works as well as producing its own original works. Operas and "Arabic choir" are performed regularly by the teachers and students under the guidance of Al Khan, a product from the Conservatory of Music in Egypt and an accomplished composer, arranger and conductor.

Bahrain has produced some great classical musicians. Salah Al Aham, who was endowed with a strong and skilled voice, was considered to be the most famous classical musician in the Gulf. Mohammed Bin Fais Al Khalifa was a fine singer and composer. Both musicians specialised in the "soud" (soud) — a type of traditional music popularised during the Abbasid period.

Today, the island boasts of great musicians, which include Jamal Al Sayed, Ebrahim Ali and Waheed Al Khan — all professional arrangers.

The future of the institute looks bright. The Ministry of Information is hiring eight professional music instructors next year to teach in Bahrain. Some of them will be teaching at the institute.

The "Classical Institute of Music" plans to send a group of its "students" to Kuwait, the UAE, Oman and Qatar in the near future as part of the development and promotional campaign.

Oman and Yemen sign trade accord

MUSCAT, Nov. 2 (Agencies): The neighbouring Marxist Yemeni government signed a trade agreement with pro-Western Oman today following a co-operation pact signed on by Sultan Qaboos and South Yemeni President Haidar Ali Attas.

The accord, like the visit of Al Attas, signalled the end of almost two decades of political enmity between the two countries on the southern edge of the Arabian Peninsula.

"The comprehensive agreement signed during the visit will open wide horizons for co-operation between the two brotherly states in all fields including trade, transport and oil and mineral exploration," Attas told the Oman News Agency.

Al Attas, in a statement tonight at the end of his four-day visit, said bilateral talks "marked the start of a new era in relations between the two countries."

Successful
He described his visit as "successful and fruitful" and "a step forward in developing relations."

It had provided the opportunity to discuss ways of promoting bilateral relations and to exchange views on Arab and international issues, he said.

Communications and justice agreements were signed today in addition to the trade agreement, but no details of the terms of any of them were released.

Talks held today on fisheries co-operation will lead to research and data exchange agreements shortly, a government spokesman said.

The Oman News Agency, received in Bahrain, said four Omani jet fighters escorted Attas' aircraft back at the end of his four-day visit, the first by a South Yemeni President since Aden's independence from Britain in 1967.

Isolation
Tension between Muscat and Aden was originally triggered in the 1970s by South Yemen's support for left-wing insurgents in Oman's southern Dhofar province.

Diplomats said Aden was trying to end its isolation in the Arabian peninsula by opening a dialogue with all its neighbours — Oman, North Yemen and Saudi Arabia — to end border and ideological disputes.

Indian musical begins tonight



(L-R): Bhanu Pratap, Sufi Ashraf, Salma, Mohanlal Khan (organiser), Poonam, Rajiv and Suresh Wadkar pictured at yesterday's press conference. (Photo by Mohammed Alhassan)

By Hamid Siddiqui

"A STAR should be versatile," says Indo-Pak singer-actress Salma Agha. And that she is. She arrived in Kuwait yesterday to take part in tonight's Indian musical night called "Naghamon Ki Raat" — Sitaron Ke Saath.

As an actress, she has played varied roles like that of a suffering wife in the Muslim social Nikaah and did a daring role in the recent Jungle Ki Raat.

A versatile singer, she has recorded ghazals and has given

playback, singing in Urdu, Punjabi and Hindi. She is one of the few singer-actresses in today's film world.

Salma has starred in both Indian and Pakistani films and is confident that tonight's show at the Andalus Cinema will be a success. "I'll present a selection of old and new melodies," she told reporters at a press conference at the Plaza Hotel yesterday.

Indian actor Rajiv Kapoor of Ravi Teji Ganga Malli fame and Poonam Dhillon will also take part in the two-day show.

Rajiv said the RK camp is looking for two new faces, preferably from the hills, to play Hema in Raj Kapoor's much talked about film. Raj Kapoor was working on the project before his death.

Poonam, who recently married, plans to quit films and turn to directing after completing her under-production films. Others who will participate in the star-studded show include actor Bhanu Pratap, who now does character roles, and playback singers Suresh Wadkar and Salma Agha.

Jaberiya pilot to be honoured

LONDON, Nov. 2 (KUNA): The pilot of the Kuwaiti airliner Al Jaberiya, Capt. Soubhi Youssef, has become the first non-British person to be declared a Man of the Year here.

During the hijack of his plane last April, two passengers were killed, but Captain Youssef's courage and calmness in handling the hijackers resulted in the release of his passengers without further loss of life, it was pointed out.

He will join 11 other "men of the year" at a luncheon next week at the London Hilton Hotel designed to help the Royal

Association for Disability and Rehabilitation (RADAR).

Captain Youssef will receive his award on Wednesday from Lord Tonyynandy, former speaker of the British House of Commons.

The luncheon, which will raise over £40,000 for RADAR, is sponsored by a major credit company here, Access.

Among other men of the year are the famous British actor, Sir John Mills, cartoonist Stan McMurtry, broadcaster Derek Jameson, and members of the British Olympic hockey team.

Ministry studies phone complaints

THE Ministry of Communications has completed a study on complaints received from several subscribers of overseas telephone calls being made illegally through their telephones, according to a local daily.

The owners of these telephones refused to pay these bills and insisted that they did not make these calls. The state was obliged to pay the bills as the callers were unknown, the daily

added.

The ministry in its study noted that some of its technicians and other persons with technical experience in the lines of communications were opening the telephone cable boxes and making unauthorised overseas calls.

The study recommended locking all telephone boxes outside buildings. Keys are to be kept in possession of maintenance officials after the date and time of maintenance work is recorded.

British Airways resumes flights to Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Iraq, Nov. 2 (AP): British Airways (BA) resumed flights to Baghdad today, 20 months after they were suspended because of Iranian missile attacks on the Iraqi capital during the Gulf war.

A BA spokesman said the first flight was scheduled to leave London in the afternoon and was due to arrive at Baghdad's Saddam International Airport a few minutes after midnight (2100 GMT).

British Airways, Britain's flag carrier, halted its services to Baghdad and Tehran in March last year during fierce missile attacks in both capitals in the so-called "war of the cities."

Concorde
The airline will have two flights a week to Baghdad via Cairo.

The BA spokesman said the airline was also considering starting a London-Baghdad service with its supersonic Concorde jetliner. But he noted that no agreement has been reached yet with Iraq's Civil Aviation authorities.

Kuwait farmers asked to help fight locusts

NO efforts will be spared to eradicate the locust menace in Wafra, Abdali, Shagaya, Sulaibiya, Khawaisat and Fintas and in many other areas threatened by the pests, according to Kuwait's Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources.

The authority has appealed to Kuwaiti farmers to co-operate by using their insecticide sprayers to help fight the locusts. The authority has expressed its thanks to the farmers who reported sightings of locusts in different areas of the country.

The authority also reminded citizens to wash vegetables and fruits to prevent being affected by pesticides.

In a related development, the Qatari Ministry of Industry and Agriculture will begin a comprehensive campaign to combat locusts in several areas of the country, according to an official source at the ministry.

He added that the ministry has formed six teams to fight the locusts.

Alert
An official source at the Bahraini Ministry of Agriculture had received several reports of sightings of locusts in different areas in the country. Locust fighting teams were put on alert.

The Bahraini Ministry of Agriculture was following up the movements of the locusts in the region through the UN Development Programme in Jeddah.

Over 1,000 locusts swarmed across the northeastern coast of Bahrain late Tuesday, flying from the north where they have invaded Iraq and Kuwait, said Hassan Abdul Karim, director of farmer services of the Ministry of Commerce and Agriculture.

He stressed that the attack was not serious.

"So far it's all under control... nothing serious," he said, adding, "We are prepared for it."

Sighted
In Doha, the Qatar News Agency said small patches of the crop-devouring insects were sighted in the northern and eastern parts of the peninsula state and were being combated.

Concerned officials on the Gulf coasts of the Arabian peninsula had immediately gone on the alert as soon as the swarms hit the western coast of Saudi Arabia over two weeks ago. Insecticides and instructions on how to use them or avoid their poison have been distributed to farmers. Iran reported locust swarms along its Gulf coast Tuesday.

The locust invasion which blew across the Red Sea from Sudan and Ethiopia into Saudi Arabia has been described as the worst in a quarter of a century. But Saudi officials have also stressed the situation is under control as a counter-measure operation checked the swarms against penetrating beyond the coastline.

BAHRAIN DIGEST

Dutch trade mission visits

A DUTCH trade mission visited Bahrain from Monday to Wednesday. The 21-member mission represented manufacturers and suppliers of a wide range of Dutch products.

During their visit, members of the mission met government officials, local businessmen and companies interested in buying Dutch products. The mission's visit to Bahrain was organised by The Netherlands Council for Trade Promotion.

In an interview with the *Arab Times*, J.W.M. Van Gent, president of the mission, said the purpose of the visit was to increase Dutch exports to the island, to promote trade relations between the Netherlands and Bahrain and to rekindle old business ties here.

"Our main purpose is to increase our exports to Bahrain. In 1987 our exports to Bahrain decreased by \$16 million over the corresponding year. We are here to find ways to narrow the gap in our trade," he said.

In 1986 imports from Bahrain to Holland were worth \$2.5 million and Dutch exports to Bahrain stood at \$45 million. In 1987 Bahrain exported goods worth \$2 million, while Dutch exports to Bahrain decreased to \$29 million.

Van Gent explained that the main reason for the decline of Dutch exports has been the general economic slowdown in the GCC countries. However, he said that there are now signs of a gradual economic recovery in the region, including Bahrain. But he cautioned that the economic recovery is taking place "slowly and hesitantly."

He said that Holland also hopes to play an important role in the reconstruction of Iraq's economy in collaboration with Bahrain, in particular in the construction sector.

Traditional Dutch products in Bahrain are foodstuffs, flowers, building materials, medical equipment, office furniture, chemicals, machinery and disinfection materials.

The mission met the Undersecretary of the Commerce Ministry, Jassim Al Hubail, and chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, Hassan Mohammed Zuhairi. According to Van Gent, the Bahraini government has assured the mission of increasing Bahrain's imports from Holland.

"The Chamber of Commerce is considering our proposal of sending a trade mission from Bahrain to Holland in order to determine Dutch products that may have a market in the island and to boost our mutual trade," he said.

Holland has been sending trade missions to Bahrain since 1979, following the exhibition of "Holland Expo" in the island that year. The current mission, said to be the largest ever sent here, is the 19th to Bahrain.

The mission left Bahrain on Wednesday to continue its GCC tour to Muscat, Abu Dhabi, Doha, Dhahran and Jeddah.

Businesses get a break

BUSINESSES in Bahrain will be able to renew their commercial registration numbers and pay fees by post from the beginning of next year.

The Directorate of Commerce and Company Affairs has decided to mail renewal fee bills to the businesses and in return will accept cheques by post from January onwards.

The move is part of a major reorganisation of the administration. "We decided to introduce this to make it easier for traders and to cut down on time spent on this job," said Dr Abdullah Mansour, director of Commerce and Company Affairs.

"Of course, the people can still come to the directorate and renew and pay their fees. New registrations however, will have to be made at the directorate," he said.

Depending on the success of this system, the directorate may consider payment of renewal fees through banks, said Dr Mansour.

There are more than 20,000 companies registered and, including their branches, more than 40,000 premises on the island.

"All CR numbers are not renewed at the same time but spread over. However, it is a time consuming job," said Dr Mansour.

"The whole working of the directorate came under the scrutiny of two studies early this year — one conducted by us and the other by the Bahrain University," he said.

The study recommendations, which cover three broad areas — administration, equipment and staff — have been accepted in principle.

"The ideal situation we are working to achieve is to computerise and automate the procedures to speed up service, ease bottlenecks, and provide effective and efficient services," said Dr Mansour.

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Mark Williams of Arab Times Photographic Services congratulating Jack Wozniak (right), winner of the Commercial Bank of Kuwait International Photographic Competition — local section. Williams was one of the judges at the competition.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
DAILY: 5 pm onwards:
Natural history exhibits from
in and around Kuwait, includ-
ing blue whale. Friday: 9 am
onwards.

Islamic Arts Museum
SAT-THURS: 8.30 am to
12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm.
Collection includes rare
Islamic artefacts, Quranic
manuscripts, ceramics, carpets
and marine equipment.
Arabian Gulf St.

Tareq Rajab Museum
SAT-THURS: 9 am to 12
noon; 4 to 7 pm; FRIDAYS: 9
am to noon. Collection of
Islamic arts, costumes and
jewellery from the Muslim
world.

Sadu House
SAT-THURS: 9 am to 12
noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits
include bedouin handicrafts —
rugs, saddle bags, cushions and
textiles. Closed on Friday.

CINEMA

Animation in Japan
Japanese Animation Film
Festival: Kuwait Hilton,
Terrace Room.

NOV 4: 4 pm. "Space
Firebird", duration 120 min-
utes; Nov 7, the same film will
be shown at 6 pm.

NOV 5-6: 4 pm Barefoot
Gen. Part 1; 6 pm — Barefoot
Gen Part 2. Duration 115 min-
utes.

MUSIC

Bob Marley Night
NOV 4: SAS Tent, 7.30 to
9.30 pm: Steve Michael and
The Electric Rendezvous will
be seeking to recreate the spirit
of Jamaica, with a tribute to
Bob Marley, the king of reggae.
Tel: SAS, ext 413.

Piano and Violin Recital
NOV 3: Kuwait Hilton will
present a piano and violin
recital by Matthias Kellig and
Tibor Kovacs. They will play
compositions by Beethoven,
Schubert and Brahms. Tickets
available from the Hilton
Lobby.



Family Fun on Fridays at the Meridian: Oriental cuisine,
music and cartoon films for children.

SOCIAL

Harvest Festival
NOV 3: 1-5 pm. The
National Evangelical Church,
English Language Congrega-
tion, will hold the third annual
Harvest Festival. Food, fun,
handicrafts and other attrac-
tions. All are welcome.

Kuwait Kannada Koota
NOV 4: 5 pm. Sharq Co-
operative Society Hall. Kan-
nada Koota presents a variety
show for the Nehru Centenary
Year and Karnataka Rajyoth-
sava. Tel: 5721724; 5610835.

Canadian Women's League
NOV 5: The Canadian
Women's League in Kuwait
will hold a meeting-cum-get
together from 4 to 6 pm. For
details call 3718678.

German-Speaking Cultural Association
NOV 6: Kuwait Hilton, Old
Failaka Room 10 am. Interest-
ing news will be shared with
ladies at the regular monthly
meeting coffee morning on
Sunday. All German-speaking
ladies are requested to attend.

Japan Week
NOV 4: Green Island Beach,
Waterfront Project — 2.30 pm.
Kite flying: 3.30 pm — opening
ceremony with drummers: 5 pm
— Japanese folk dance.

NOV 4-8: High-Tech Show
at the Hilton: eye-catching new
electronic goods.

NOV 6/7: Hilton Hotel.
Japanese cultural show featur-
ing traditional "fast foods",
magic show, candy-making,
traditional games and folk dan-

ces. For further details call
3713467.
Kuwait Caledonians
NOV 24: St. Andrews Night
Dinner will be held at Messiah
Beach Hotel. Guests from
Scotland will be Abie and John
Carmichael. For details and
reservations ring 5335082;
3727690 ext. 253.

MEETINGS

Bishop's Meeting

St. Paul's Church, Ahmadi,
will hold meetings to coincide
with the visit of the Anglican
Bishop for Cyprus and the
Gulf. Nov 3: 1.30 pm business-
men's luncheon; 7.30 pm:
harvest festival; Nov 4: 9.30 pm
— city communion and 6.30
pm celebrations. For details
call 3985924.

NRI lecture

NOV 3: Thurs. 7 pm, Indian
Embassy Hall: Kamlesh Gan-
dhi, a leading investment con-
sultant from India, will give a
talk on "NRI Investment in
Industry." All Indians are wel-
come.

HOTELS

Al Messiah Beach

Mubarakiyah Restaurant:
open 24 hours, buffet break-
fast, lunch and dinner and
snacks. Sunday: Ladies Day;
Mondays: birthday special;
Fridays: special buffet "go
go."

Al the Holiday Inn
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every Wednesday at the pool-
side at 8 pm. On Wednesdays
Al Dana features "sea drama
on ice"; on Thursdays, an
Indian night offering exotic
Eastern cuisine is held. Thurs-
days: dine and dance to music
by Arab singers at Al Andalus
Night Club. Friday: fun 'n' sur-
prises for children and parents
at the weekly brunch, 11 am to 3
pm.

Al the Ramada
Le Mirage Night Club: Thurs-
day night BBQ, full buffet;
music by Al Arzz Band.
Al Bender Coffee Shop: contin-
ental and Arabic buffets for
breakfast, lunch and dinner; 6
am to midnight; a la carte
available.

Al Gandoul Grill Garden: 7
pm to midnight, features a
selection of grilled specialities.



● Ramada Al Salam Hotel, Kuwait, recently upgraded its Friday Family Bunch by
introducing Tom and Jerry, Pluto, Mickey Mouse, Snoopy, Donald Duck, Woody Wood-
pecker, Jumping Rabbit, Pussycat, Roaring Bear, Friendly Frog, Lady Elephant and
Mother Goose. A Ramada Train will take the children and their favourite cartoon character
on a tour of the hotel's gardens and the waterfront. Added attractions are colour contests,
games and the "ship's discovery tour."

Open Garden: 7 pm to mid-
night; a selection of teas, cof-
fees, and juices; Arguilla water
pipe available; videos shown on
large screen every day.

Fish and Chips Shop: 4 pm to
11 pm.
Take away counter: 4 pm to
11 pm. Arabic sandwiches and
snacks.

At the Hilton

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on Friday for family and
friends from noon to 3 pm. Buf-
fet features a variety of hot and
cold Arab and Continental dis-
hes.

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chef's recommendation for
lunch — 12.30 - 3 pm; and din-
ner — 7.30 - 11.30 pm, except
Fridays.

SPORTS

Ahmadi Kart Racing

NOV 4: Ahmadi Kart Rac-
ing, next to Ahmadi Water
Towers. Third round of
Ahmadi Challenge Cup plus
Kuwait National Drivers
Championship. Gates open:
12.30 noon; racing starts at 1.30
pm. Karts available to public
— children and adults — in
between races. For details call
Simon Lloyd — 3982055; Dave
Burfoot — 3290300 ext. 239.

Laser Club

NOV 4: Start of the Messiah
Beach Laser Club's winter rac-
ing season. Laser owners and
others interested are welcome.
Instruction available. For
details contact D. Clark —
2425947; P. Shepherd —
5314957; 4841513; P. Berry —
3924174.

PBAK Awards

NOV 4: Holiday Inn Hotel, 4
pm. Ambassador Alunan C.
Giang will present awards to
the winners of the first PBAK
inter-commercial bowling
league.

Buffet dinner. Admission:
KD5 per person. For reserva-
tions phone Sara Macarim-
bang 4843447; Ojje Olor —
5634200; Cora Paras —
4897536.

PBAK knock-out

bowling tournament
NOV 11: 9 am to 9 pm. 300
Club. Single competition, open
to men and women. Entrance
fee: KD3.500 (members) and
KD4 non-members. Winners
will receive trophies.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Dabdoob Al
Mustaq: cartoon
serial
9.45 Al Jawharah: part 3
of children's serial,
featuring Ibrahim
Sallal, Abdul Aziz Al
Nimish and Jawhar
Salem.
10.15 Tum Tek and Chil-
dren
10.30 Quaker Has a Cousin
in Bronx: English
feature film, starring
Jenny Wilder
12.00 Al Zankaloni:
Arabic serial.
1.00 News
1.05 World Today via
Satellite
1.40 Fawazir Al Mun-
asabat
2.00 Sports in a Week: a
weekly programme
focussing on local
and world sports.
4.45 Ra'ad Al Amlaq:
Cartoons
5.15 Liqa Al Khamis:
variety show
6.30 From People's Art
7.00 News Summary
7.30 Alwan: prepared by
Mohammad Saeed
Faris.
8.00 Show Jumping: local
equestrian events
8.30 Ma'a Al Islam:
Prepared and
presented by Dr
Khalid Al Madhk-
ur
9.00 News
10.00 Arabic Feature Film:
"Kafa Wa Arbah
Asabea." Starring:
Noora, Hassan
Yusuf.
11.45 Thursday Late Night
Variety Show
12.45 Akhtarnalakum: We
Present...
1.15 News Summary
1.20 World Today via
Satellite/ Holy
Quran/Closedown

FRIDAY

9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Ifrah Ya Simsim:
Arabic version of
Sesame Street.
9.45 Children's Magazine
10.15 Faye Al Tush: "Al
Atfal" Arabic serial,
featuring: Ghanem
Slati, Abdul Aziz
Jassim.
11.00 Ibtihal Deeni:
religious programme



You can see some of the Spectacular Sports Bloopers and
Fabulous Foul-ups, Thursday at 10 pm on KTV 2.

11.15 Friday Prayer
12.30 Min Hayat Al
Shaoub: From Peo-
ple's Life. Focus on
the way of life in
Italy.
1.00 News
1.05 World Today via
Satellite
2.00 Summer 88
2.15 Hadith Deeni.
2.45 Cartoons
3.15 Cultural Film
4.00 Nujum Al Usbooh:
Star of the Week is
Saudi singer Ibad Al
Johar.
4.45 Ghawi Al Mashakil:
Arabic serial, featur-
ing Khalil Shawki,
Sana Abdul Rah-
man, Fawzi Mahdi.
6.00 Kuwait in a Week
7.00 News Summary
7.15 KTV 1 Programme
Preview
8.00 Al Usrah: "The
Family"
8.45 Hadith Al Usbooh.
9.00 News
10.00 Wrestling
10.45 Kayfa Waakh-
awatha: part 5 of
Arabic show.
11.45 News Summary
11.50 World Today via
Satellite

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Mask: cartoons
6.30 Sesame Street: a
programme for
young viewers.



Troy prepares for marriage in Friday's episode of Star Trek,
the Next Generation, KTV 2.

7.30 Mac and Mutley: dog
races, aquariums
and chimpanzees are
the focus on atten-
tion.
8.00 News in English
8.40 The Highwayman:
9.30 The Cosby Show:
Julius Caesar proves
to haunt the family
after the son decides
to play a role in the
play.
10.00 Spectacular Sports,
Bloopers and
Fabulous Foul-ups
10.30 Late Night Movie:
"Green Ice."
12.00 News in Brief
12.10 Magazine D'Ac-
tualite/Closedown
FRIDAY
4.00 Holy Quran
4.10 Silver Hawk: car-
toons
4.30 Italian Football
5.30 Walt Disney Film:
Tonight's film is
about a Cambodian
refugee family who
make a new home in
the US.
7.00 Star Trek: Troy
marries Dr. White...
after the celebrations
she discovers a minor
change in the doctor.
Who is he?
8.00 News in English
8.30 Breaking Away
8.40 Big League Soccer:
Brian Moore
presents highlights
of English League
football.
9.50 Jack Thompson:
Down Under.
10.30 Diamonds: the son of
a wealthy man is kid-
napped and Mike
and Christine are
asked to find him.
11.30 News in Brief
11.40 Magazine D'Ac-
tualite/Closedown

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grammes and timings are
liable to change without
notice.

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Dubai Pharmacy
Souk Wafel, Algiers St.
Bakhsany Pharmacy
Ahmad Al Jaber St.

Hawalli and Nagra
Al Saada Pharmacy
nr. Hamad Al Burak
Mosque, Othman St.

Salmiya and Rumaithiya
Al Raced Pharmacy
Jamal Abdullah Bldg.,
Amman St.

Fahsheel and Ahmadi
Al Badiya Pharmacy
Dabbous Bldg., Dabbous
St.

Farwaniya
Al Huwaila Pharmacy
Mailem Bldg., Mustawaf
St.

Jahra
Al Noor Pharmacy
Abdul Aziz, Nasrullah
Bldg., Matafi St.

FRIDAY

Kuwait
Ahlan Pharmacy
Souk Muttahada, Fahd Al
Salem St.

Al Amal Pharmacy
Comm. Market, Mubarak
Al Kabir St.

Hawalli and Nagra
Al Firdous Pharmacy
Opp. Hawalli Police Sta.,
Beirut St.

Salmiya and Rumaithiya
Al Maidan Pharmacy
Shara Al Khalid Bldg.,
Baghdad St.

Fahsheel and Ahmadi
Al Abraj Pharmacy
Salman Dabbous Centre,
Sinan St.

Khaitan
Al Tawfiq Pharmacy
Raja'an Comm. Centre,
South St.

Jahra
Al Zahra Pharmacy
New Market

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Salma Agha Nite

Al Salmiya
Ana Wal Azzab Wa Huwak
(Arabic)
Starring: Walid Taufiq,
Sabirin, Wahid Saif

Al Hamra
Kul Hada Al Hub (Arabic)
Starring: Noor Al Shariff,
Laila Alwi, Yahya Shahin

Drive-In
Ighthal Madrasah (Arabic)
Starring: Nabila Obaid,
Sabireen, Hisham Salim,
Salah Qabil

Al Firdous
Dayavan (Hindi)
Starring: Vinod Khanna,
Feroz Khan, Madhuri Dixit

Fahsheel Open-Air
Mohabbat Ke Dushman
(Hindi)

Al Fahsheel
Nishana (Bengali)

Al Jahra
Al Police Al Nisai (Arabic)

Granada
Inner Space
Salaibkhat
In the Line of Duty

PRAYERS

Fajr 4.42 am
Zuhr 11.32
Asr 2.38 pm
Maghreb 5.00
Isha 6.18
FRIDAY
Fajr 4.43 am
Friday Prayer 11.32
Asr 2.37 pm
Maghreb 4.59
Isha 6.18

Al Jleeb
Amar Akbar Anthony
(Hindi)
Starring: Amitabh Bach-
chan, Rishi Kapoor
Ahmadi Drive-In
Ighthal Madrasah (Arabic)

FRIDAY
Al Jahra
Booby Trap

Granada
Aazoo (Hindi)
Salaibkhat
Police Academy

Al Jleeb
Zameen Aasman (Hindi)

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ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

CONFORMITY is the jailer of freedom and the enemy of growth — John F. Kennedy, US President (1917-1963).

OPINION

A new Algerian revolution

THE recent measures taken by the Algerian President are considered to be another revolution for which the Algerian people paid the price before such measures were executed.

This is indeed the nature of things. People pay a price to get returns.

The Algerian President, who declared his unwillingness to accept the post, is certainly one member of the Algerian people and perhaps one of its revolutionaries who opposed the stubbornness of the government staff, the security forces and some senior officials in the government administration.

President Benjedid could be one of those who disappointed of the behaviour of the Algerian security forces during the recent protests. Perhaps he did not like the state laws and could not understand the secret behind the country's closed door policy.

Thus, the decisions and measures taken by the Algerian President recently just reflect the demands of the Algerian people.

The decisions could have been more effective if they had been made earlier. But, "better late than never."

The measures came from a truly neutral party — the Algerian President, who promised that he would act decisively in affairs of national security.

Algeria now needs new blood in many government posts. This will make the required opening to the Arab world possible.

King Hassan of Morocco succeeded in attracting the Arab world, its governments and people. He turned his country into an Arab and foreign workshop. The Moroccan King also succeeded in marketing Morocco's resources and opportunities.

What Algeria needs now is for its officials to be humble in dealing with its issues. They should understand that speeches do not deliver the goods. This was realised by the Algerian President and the media was allowed to condemn the previous state of affairs. The press was even granted enough freedom to criticise the tough government measures.

Through this act, the President met the demands of the people of Algeria and also answered the feelings of other people who loved this country and its long struggle for independence.

The latest measures of the Algerian President are measures that certainly deserve respect. Algeria simply requires another dynamic and popular move to fully use its resources.

This is especially true of the strong international alliances and blocks prevailing in the world. In 1992, when the EEC members declare unified customs, economic unity and freedom of transfer among its countries, the Arab Maghreb states will find themselves in a difficult situation unless they manage to unite themselves.

Thanks go to the Algerian President for this latest moves and measures.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Reagan's policy will guide his successor

By Gene Gibbons

WASHINGTON, (Reuters) — Visiting a Pennsylvania high school a few weeks ago, a beaming Ronald Reagan accepted a "presidential report card" from admiring students which gave him an A-Plus for his record as US leader.

While some say Reagan's grade was a bit inflated, political experts agree his actions in eight years of remarkable, sometimes turbulent, presidency will guide and limit his successor, whether Democrat Michael Dukakis or Republican George Bush.

While the rivals differ on tactics, both are committed to the broad foreign policy objectives of the so-called Reagan era, including a strong NATO alliance and constructive relations with the Soviet Union.

Deficits

On the domestic front Reagan's fiscal policy, with the yawning US trade and budget deficits, has left little spare cash for bold initiatives on housing, education and day care.

Political analysts and administration insiders, however, predict a marked difference in leadership style between the easy-going 77-year-old Reagan and either of his less charismatic potential successors.

"I think Bush would be a better manager of staff and policy. I think he would take a conservative track but compromise with Congress more," said a White House official who asked not be identified.

Another Reagan aide said Dukakis impressed him as someone who would be involved in the "minute of policy."

"The President is a heavy delegator of authority. The Vice-President (Bush) also delegates, although not as much. But a president can only get into so much and be successful because

there are so many issues and tasks," he said.

A presidential commission named Reagan's inattention to detail for helping spawn the worst crisis of his White House years — the Iran-Contra scandal involving the trade of arms to Iran for US hostages in Lebanon and the diversion of profits to Nicaragua's Contra rebels.

Reagan, who insists he knew nothing of the diversion, saw his popularity plummet as a result of the 1986-1987 affair. But his standing in public opinion polls has since rebounded and his supporters argue that historians will view the scandal as a minor episode.

"While the 20th century has little more than a decade remaining, it is not too early to predict that two presidents will stand out as dominating it — Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Ronald Reagan," wrote conservative commentator John McLaughlin. He cited improved East-West relations, exemplified by the INF Treaty, scrapping medium-range nuclear missiles, and the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan, as the longest economic boom in US history and a revival of American optimism after the gloom of Democratic President Carter's final years.

More critical analysts contend that good luck in the form of lower oil prices and a determined Federal Reserve Board effort to cut interest rates deserve more credit than Reagan for the economic boom.

Deficit spending also fuelled economic expansion, and many economists say the country may face serious problems because of record budget shortfalls during Reagan's presidency.

Reagan also has had major policy failures, notably in the Middle East and Central America.

Improve bus service

SIR: As one who has travelled widely and enjoyed different systems of transport, I would like to present some suggestions to improve Kuwait's transport system.

It is important that shelters be placed at all bus stands to protect people from the intense heat and dust storms. All buses must have air-conditioners and passengers should not be charged any extra amount for this facility.

Buses should ply much more often. During the peak working hours it would be ideal to have buses playing every five or six minutes. Off peak hours should not have a waiting time of more than fifteen minutes, except

during the very late night hours.

Bus drivers should not open doors when the bus is in motion. They should bring it to a total stop first and then open the doors for the passengers. Drivers should also be aware of the last passenger entering the bus. Only when the passenger has completely entered the bus should the driver then close the doors and start moving.

Maps depicting various bus routes should be available on buses and tourist information centres.

Smokers on buses should be heavily fined.

Considering the customs of

Kuwait there should be a separate bus for ladies, families and handicapped.

The availability of funds in this country should expedite the implementation of these suggestions.

I am sure Kuwait will benefit from an improved bus system.

Pierre Rousseau, Kuwait.

Students obstruct flow of traffic

SIR: I want to bring to the notice of the traffic department and the highway patrol police that many students of Arabic schools stop vehicles on busy roads thus obstructing the smooth flow of traffic.

These students do not make

use of school transport system nor do the parents of these pupils provide them with transport or if at all money is given to them to make use of public transport, they prefer to use the money for some other purpose.

I request the authorities to kindly look into this matter.

A concerned motorist, (Name and address supplied)

Extend time

SIR: The last bus on route No. 205, leaves Fahabheel for Mina Al Zour at 8.15 pm daily. It will be very convenient for us if this service is extended upto 9.30 pm.

P.H. Ghanasena, Mina Abdullah.

Humble singer

SIR: The report in the Arab Times (Oct 9) Susan steals the show was well written.

Everyone present at the Indian Arts Circle to watch "East Meets West," will agree that Susan is a talented singer.

If a person can humbly touch and kiss the feet of her father and mother in front of a thousand people, then surely she must be admired. I have met famous singers and artists from the USA, England, India and Kuwait, but what I saw at the IAC still rings bells in our ears.

Dr M.A. Shaikh and family, Kuwait.



All letters to the Editor must contain the writer's name and address. Publication is at the discretion of the Editor and letters are subject to the editing process for space or other reasons.



A worker puts finishing touches on a bust of Ataturk, founder of modern Turkey. (Reuters wirephoto)

By John Owen-Davies

ANKARA, (Reuters): Fifty years after his death Mustafa Kemal Ataturk remains the driving force behind Turkey but mourning is no longer obligatory.

Unlike every Nov 10 since Ataturk died in 1938, this year there will be no ban on selling liquor. Restaurants and cinemas will stay open and state-run Radio and Television (TRT) will run normal programmes instead of mainly sombre music.

This break with tradition is viewed widely as a move to instil into new generations that Ataturk, modern Turkey's secularist founder, was not a deity.

"The time has come to break away from the irrational taboos that have made Ataturk into a god. Ataturk was not a god but a great human being," the Turkish daily news said in an editorial.

Mourning
Culture and Tourism Minister Tinnaz Tinnaz said: "If mourning is compulsory it does not fulfil the intention behind it and we have seen this."

"No result can be obtained from things done by force and for this reason we will not release a list of orders on this day (Nov 10)...the course of life for the day should not be changed," he told reporters.

Tinnaz said sirens would still wait at 9:05 am, the time of death

Forced mourning ends but Ataturk memory endures

of Ataturk, who applied secularism to predominantly Muslim Turkey, banned wearing of the fez, introduced Latin script to his people and abolished the sultanate of the Ottoman Empire.

Some Turks believe the government's decision on mourning Ataturk is long overdue.

Revered

"This novel approach should have been taken about 25 years ago. On past Nov 10s some people went to video shops to get pornographic and other films because there was nothing else to do in the evening," one Turkish official said.

Mustafa Kemal, who took the surname Ataturk (father Turk) in 1934, is revered by most Turks in a way many foreigners find surprising.

His portrait hangs in every schoolroom and public office, and his sayings are engraved in gold on countless marble slabs.

To lay a wreath at the austere but serene Ankara hilltop mausoleum to Ataturk is obligatory for most visiting officials.

To refuse, as Iranian Prime Minister Mir Hossein Mousavi

did in mid-1987, invites vehement press and political protests.

In a museum at the mausoleum visitors can see Ataturk's toilet kit, his tuxedo, general's uniform, other possessions and gifts from many world leaders of his time.

Busts of Ataturk, with broad forehead and staring gaze, adorn towns, villages and many entrances to public offices.

His teachings are virtually unquestioned by a people that regards him as a figure binding a nation often given to bitter political feuding.

Sovereignty

One of his sayings, "Sovereignty belongs unconditionally to the nation," is written above the speaker's position in the parliament.

In the political sense he is still very important and no civilised government can survive if it disowns Ataturk," one official said.

"He is a very important symbol," he said. "The symbol influences all people looking towards the West and makes them proud to be Turkish."

"Peace in the country, peace in

the world," another of Ataturk's sayings, is a guiding principle of foreign policy.

Turkey's armed forces, the largest in the NATO Western alliance after the United States, are sensitive about Ataturk and see themselves as the chosen ones to preserve his ideals.

The armed forces intervened in Turkey three times between 1960 and 1980 when they believed Ataturk's vision of democracy was endangered.

To mark the 50th anniversary of Ataturk's death, an "Ataturk Commemoration Week" featuring seminars and symposia will be held from Nov 7.

TRT plans a series on Ataturk for the anniversary. It will look at topics such as "Ataturk and the national struggle", "Ataturk and education" and "Ataturk as a soldier."

It was as a soldier that Ataturk made his name when Turkish forces beat back an Allied landing force at Gallipoli in 1916.

After World War I, he led the struggle to establish an independent Turkish state following the collapse of the Ottoman Empire. He declared the Turkish Republic in 1923.

By Monte Hayes

LIMA, Peru, (AP): President Alan Garcia was seen by some as Latin America's brightest political star when he took office three years ago. One of the first things he did was to defy the international banking community by suspending most payments on his country's foreign debt.

Today Peru is mired in its worst economic crisis of the century. Garcia's reputation is in tatters and there is talk of the country's fragile democracy becoming increasingly vulnerable to a military coup.

Since Garcia imposed the harshest austerity programme in Peru's history in early September, some critics have gone so far as to demand his resignation, and he reportedly has considered stepping down. Many public figures also are warning of the growing danger of a military takeover.

Rating

"You know, just as other officials of your government do, that a coup d'etat is inevitable if the political and economic climate of today continues to devastate the country," Cesar Hilderbrand, editor of the independent news magazine Si, wrote in an open letter to Garcia published recently.

Garcia's approval rating among Peru's 21 million people has plunged from an incredible

Spectre of coup looms over Peru

96 per cent his first months in office to 16 per cent in late October, according to the respected polling firm Apoyo.

Foreign journalists drawn to this troubled Andean nation after Garcia took office in July 1985 described him as "The Kennedy of Latin America" for his youthful good looks and his vigour in tackling Peru's centuries-old problems of poverty and underdevelopment.

Garcia, 39, leader of the populist Aprista Party, was called "the president of hope" by impoverished mountain peasants and Lima's shantytown dwellers.

"I voted for Garcia, but he's a disgrace," Humberto Delgado, a retired airport employee, said as he steered his 30-year-old taxi through Lima's decaying streets. "I saw him as a young man, a renovator who could put Peru back together again. But instead he has sunk the country."

Critics accused Garcia of implementing impetuous, irresponsible policies that have brought economic ruin on the nation, and of failing to curtail the fanatical Shining Path Movement, whose eight-year guerrilla war has claimed more than 12,000 lives.

Renowned novelist Mario Vargas Llosa, expected to be the presidential candidate of a centre-right coalition in the 1990 election, recently described him as "the charismatic young man responsible for Peru's most incompetent and ruinous government of the century."

What has Peruvians most upset is the country's unprecedented runaway inflation, provoked, economists agree, by the government's uncontrolled spending, which has spawned a huge fiscal deficit.

Consumer prices soared by 114 per cent in September, as much in one month as all of last year. Inflation is expected to exceed 1,000 per cent by year end.

Having eaten up the country's hard currency reserves to finance a consumer-tinged economic recovery programme and having cut itself off from fresh foreign loans, the government is close to bankruptcy. It has had to resort to selling the central bank's gold bullion to pay import bills, but now that is gone.

Austerity

Finance Minister Abel Salinas said recently the economy would shrink by at least 6 per cent this year after growing 8.5 per cent in 1986 and 7 per cent in 1987.

The harsh austerity measures,

which included increases in food prices of more than 200 per cent and a devaluation of nearly 90 per cent, brought economic activity to a halt.

Only four new cars were sold in the country in September because of tax increases that doubled car prices, with the least expensive Volkswagen model now costing \$26,000.

Resignation

Long past are days of the "balconazo," when Garcia would come out onto a small balcony on the side of the government palace in downtown Lima and engage passers-by in lively exchanges about his plans to redistribute the wealth among the poor.

Today the Plaza in front of the palace is frequently sealed off by tanks and troops to keep out demonstrators by striking workers.

From early September until mid-October, Garcia did not leave the inner confines of the palace for 34 straight days, except on one occasion to watch the changing of the guards from the front entrance. That single, fleeting appearance was interpreted by commentators as a gesture to dispel rumours he was no longer in charge of the government.

Garcia was reported to have tried to present his resignation to his cabinet before the unpopular austerity package was imposed and to have offered the job to Luis Alberto Sanchez, his 88-year-old, blind, vice-president.

Sanchez said later that he told Garcia, "I was elected vice-president to collaborate with you, not to take your place."

Critics speculate openly that Garcia might try to spark a military overthrow that would make him a martyr and pave the way for his triumphant return to power when democracy was restored and the economy stabilised.

Garcia is prohibited by the constitution from seeking reelection until five years after he finishes his term.

Political analysts say Garcia's recent behaviour has given the impression of a dangerous "power vacuum," that feeds fear of a military takeover.

Overthrowing

"Even the least informed citizen knows, or senses, that there cannot be a power vacuum in politics. We also know that in Peru power vacuums are always filled by the military," Manuel O'Morella, editor of the opposition newspaper Expreso, said in a recent column.

A senior government official told the Associated Press that the Military High Command did, in fact, meet to consider overthrowing Garcia during his self-imposed confinement to the inner chambers of the palace.

"The president was passing through a period of depression that worried the military," the official said, speaking on condition he not be identified.

Peru's Armed Forces last ruled from 1968 to 1980, returning to the barracks under heavy public criticism for mismanagement of the economy.

The calls for Garcia's resignation are due in great part to the widely held view that he is not willing to make substantial changes in his failed economic programme.

When Garcia took his long silence, he did so with a renewed attack on the International Monetary Fund just as his finance minister was returning from an international gathering where he has tried to re-establish relations with the organisation and other lending agencies.

Disrupt

Discounting coup rumours, Garcia insisted the Military High Command "will not become the instrument of bastard interests that often want to disrupt the constitutional order, nor will it become the tool of the International Monetary Fund."

Having suffered in the past under long spells of military rule, Peru's political leaders have been outspoken in demanding that the armed forces not be provoked into seizing power again.

"Nothing would be more tragic for Peru than a military coup. Peru's isolation from the international community would be aggravated even further," Vargas Llosa said.

Many Peruvians feel the armed forces are not enthusiastic about the prospect of taking on the challenge of governing a country that appears increasingly ungovernable.

"They are as terrified of the future as anyone else," an independent congressman said, speaking on condition he not be named. "If they eventually come back, it will be by default and not because they have a coherent plan."

It's arrow vs bicycle in Pakistan

By Oliver Wates

ISLAMABAD, (Reuters): It's the arrow versus the bicycle for millions of illiterate Pakistanis on Nov 16.

From the isolated valleys of the Hindu Kush mountains to the bullet-scarred slums of Karachi, most Pakistanis will simply place a mark beside one of these two electoral symbols.

The arrow is for Benazir Bhutto and her Pakistan People's Party (PPP). The bicycle is for the nine anti-PPP parties that have banded together in an alliance to fight her.

These and another 80 symbols — familiar objects ranging from clocks to tractors — will be the only clue for the three-quarters of Pakistanis who cannot read.

For the first time in 11 years, Pakistan's 48 million voters will choose who governs the country.

Banned

In the 1985 parliamentary elections, martial law was in force, parties were banned and President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq was firmly in control, whoever won.

The military ruler's death in a plane crash in August has thrown the political scene wide open. Political analysts are convinced he would never have allowed Benazir, daughter of the man he overthrew in 1977 and later had executed, to take over.

Her nine-year crusade is now

in sight of its goal.

After Zia's death, senate chairman Ghulam Ishaq Khan took over as a civilian acting president and joined the new Army chief General Mirza Aslam Beg, in promising to hand over power to the winner of the elections. The military has ruled Pakistan for more than half its 41-year history.

With almost no opinion polls, it is hard to predict who will win the election.

One thing is clear, however — the PPP is the party to beat.

The PPP's black, green and red flag is everywhere — on bullock carts in rural Sind, motorised rickshaws in sprawling Karachi and air-conditioned limousines in suburban Lahore.

Spell

The spell cast by the populist Zulfikar Ali Bhutto during his five-and-a-half years as prime minister still has a hold over his devoted supporters.

Bhutto's daughter's opponents in the Islamic Democratic Alliance (IDA) say, however, that even if her subdued supporters lack the passion of the PPP, they will outnumber them at the polls.

Dozens of independents and smaller parties are standing, but the real contest is between the PPP and IDA.

A question mark hangs over 35-year-old Benazir Bhutto, the PPP's biggest crowd-puller. Benazir, who gave birth to her first



Benazir Bhutto

child in September, has been in delicate health since the birth and the start of her campaign was delayed a week.

She finally took to the hustings this week with a whistle-stop train tour of Punjab and Sind provinces.

This is not a campaign of issues. Both main rivals promise to make development, education and reducing the annual 3.1 per cent population growth of this poor, Muslim nation priorities.

"It's an election on past record, on who the people trust," said PPP Punjab organiser Rao Rashid.

Most past Pakistani elections have been marred by allegations of mass fraud.

"As elections go in this country, we expect these will be fairly clean," one leading PPP official

said.

One problem is the condition that voters must show identity cards, which the government says is necessary to prevent cheating. The opposition says up to 70 per cent of the population in backward rural areas, especially women, do not have them and cannot obtain them before polling day.

Long queues have formed at registration offices.

Seats

The main contest is for 199 Muslim seats in the 237-seat National Assembly. Eight more are in the self-governing tribal areas bordering Afghanistan, while Christians and other minorities vote for 10 seats in separate lists.

The remaining 20 seats are for women, appointed by the elected deputies.

Elections for the 483 seats in the four provincial assemblies follow on Nov 19.

The government banned the parties from the state-run television and radio networks, but the press is free to report their manifestos, speeches and rallies.

The illiterate majority must hear the candidates in person or trust the electoral symbols daubed on walls and banners.

"The PPP's arrow is aimed at the people of Pakistan," charged IDA's Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi at a rally.

The PPP says the IDA's bicycle already has a flat tyre.

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CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

by Firoze Rangoonwalla

Special to the Arab Times

Film disputes taking a toll of time, energy, money and quality

Directors and producers — at loggerheads

IT may be director vs producer, or producer against star or distributor horn-locked with producer or financier breathing down the necks of film-makers. The fact is that the film industry is entangled in several disputes which are taking a precious toll of time, energy, money and of course quality.

The main fights are between producers and directors. The biggest case is that of Jashilay, a big-budget multi-star film, in the making for five years. This spectacular fight between producer Sibt Hasan Rizvi and director Shekhar Kapoor remains constantly in the limelight. What is not understood easily is the bone of contention and why resources were frittered away and precious star dates wasted for some trivial reasons.

The film's set-up makes it evident that Jashilay was aimed as some kind of a duplicate or second-hand Sholay without the script or direction being given the grip and imagination which an action film on this scale demands.

After a lot of agony, Shekhar Kapoor was at last removed from the scene and he also thought it was best to move out. Rizvi himself decided to 'direct' and complete the film, which has finally been sold and is now ready for release.

One wonders the reason behind a fresh bout of fights, probably so that both can gain publicity, together with script writer Javed who was the go-between from the start.

Javed and Shekhar have been common friends because of Shabana Azmi. They both claim that there has been no wastage on Jashilay and Rizvi had agreed at the outset on a budget of five crores. But the producer hotly denies this as he would not be able to recover such a price, with a cast like Sunny, Anil Kapoor, Sridevi

and Meenakshi. (Amitabh could have made it different). Even now, Rizvi has sold it to the six zones at about Rs 40 lakhs each and says he is in the red by one crore, which he hopes to get from overflow and other rights.

Maintains

Rizvi maintains that Shekhar does not know much about direction and is a wavering man who wastes a lot of time during production. Javed also let him down by not completing the script for nearly two years. Thus after picturising a song on Sridevi, all the other star dates given for six months had to be cancelled. Even when parts of the script arrived, there was no dialogue. Javed would send it just one day before shooting.

The biggest fiasco took place in Ladakh where the non-shooting proved a free holiday for the unit and a financial disaster for the producer. Shekhar's two friends had taken over the production managing but the unit was put up in tents which blew off on the very first day, due to sand-storms.

Rizvi claims that he was forced to vastly over-spend, while Shekhar, Javed, wives and friends enjoyed the trip. The director manipulated it in such a way that the technicians would go on mock strikes saying they were not paid. So where did the money go, asks the producer. It was the director's job to motivate the team and get work done. Shekhar asserts that he was dedicated and somehow trying to hold the unit together. But some unit members later admitted that they had yielded to the politics being played by the director and his assistants.

Rizvi gives detailed examples of Shekhar's inadequacies. The director he says, was unclear about which shots he was to take, which artists were needed when and where, or



Shekhar Kapoor: is he a fake?

what items were required for the next day's shooting. Sridevi's dates were constantly upset (luckily she was not that busy then). Meenakshi made three trips to Ladakh and Sunny was held up there for several weeks.

They would even forget to take important close-ups of stars after keeping them so long. While shooting, Shekhar would do several re-takes even of okayed shots.

The whole mass of celluloid landed up in the editing room and the lady editor Aruna Raje remarked that it had been shot like home video stuff. Rizvi took two years to clear it and do the additional shooting. A classic example is of a cock-fight which was shot so badly that it

took ten days to edit.

Anyway, the real cock-fight between the producer and the director has now ended. And the industry people will not entrust Shekhar with a big film any more. Even though Mr India was a hit, Boney Kapoor gave Rook Ki Rani Choron Ka Raja to Shekhar's assistant Sarish Kaushik, while asking Shekhar to do only the small budget Prem on the lines of his first film Masoom.

A similar "war" took place over Jung between producers Samir-Hanif and director Mukul Anand. There were threats and counter threats. The producers charged that Mukul had signed so many films after the big success of Insaaf including Bachchan

starrers, that he was not giving dates or enough time or even allowing his assistants shoot for Jung, which has stars like

Sunil Dutt, Mithun, Mandakini, Aditya and Amala.

The director in turn accused them of doubting his ability and interfering, though he had devoted full days to make two reels in four months. Anyway, they parted amicably, with Mukul still arguing that he wanted to make hay while the sun shines. Perhaps Raj Sippy would take over the film.

Producer B.S. Grover of Godsons who made a silly film on dowry has also removed the veteran director B.R. Ishara from Baat Hai Pyar Ki. The two could not get along and it is likely that Grover himself may fill the blank title left by Ishara. Another case is of Kanwal Sharma the director and Santosh Kumar the producer of Zimmedar. Since Kanwal has got three to four films, he was not concentrating and the producer accused him of being irresponsible. So Kanwal gave up the responsibility.

Padmini Kapila as producer has been making Mohabbat Ka Paigham, earlier titled as Ibadat, with Meenakshi, Babbar, Aditya and Shammi Kapoor. After completing 13 reels, she has decided to remove director Shashilal Nair as she found his work unsatisfactory.



Raj Babbar (right) and Meenakshi in Mohabbat Ka Paigham, a film which is the subject of dispute.

for was it due to his flops like Falak? The other more famous lady Hema Malini did the same for her TV serial on dances of India. First it was

Vikas Desai, then Sridhar Kshirsagar and Hema herself may direct. According to her own ideas, provided the TV centre approves.

Behind the screen

After Shammi Kapoor, producers are tagging the title of "rebel star" to Kumar Gaurav of all people. At least he is a rebel with a cause. He wants to look and act tough to wash away his soft chocolate hero image. But then he is playing second fiddle to other heroes like Shatrughna, Mithun and Amitabh. So how much can he rebel? Only in Goonj he plays a political rebel, and is the sole hero. But then it is a small film and mainly romantic.

After the success of TV serial Buniyad, Anita Kanwar was offered elderly roles like that of Lajoi. But she kept refusing saying that she was young. Now she has ended up dangling between art and pseudo art films, like Amit Khanna's Sesh and Mrinal Sen's Ek Din Achanak and a silly commercial film like Dahej Ke Scene Pe Bandook. In Salaam Bombay (the children steal the show from Anita).

Dahej Ke Scene Pe — was originally called Hum Dahej Layee Hain and had its title changed by the censors, who felt that it would be more fitting

for the dacoit girls in the film to aim their guns at the dowry system. But the actual fact is that in the film itself they use their guns on people. Another film Zinda Jala Doonga was changed to Zulm Ke Jala Doonga but actually showed villains being burnt alive. Now the censors are happy that it is sin being burnt, though the film shows otherwise. Meanwhile, an under production movie has changed its name from Yeh Surang to Khooni Surang.

Neelu, a regional star of Rajasthan films has become so popular through some hits that she has been labelled as the Sridevi of Rajasthan. They had better call her Dimple now, since Sridevi is fast losing her position with four massive flops.

Shashi Kapoor is unlucky with his children. Two sons Kunal and Karan could not make a career in films. And daughter Sanjana after a commercial film like Hero Hiralal wants to stay in England for a long course in dramatics. It may be a wise decision on her part, keeping away from the



Anita Kanwar: neither here nor there

bad bad 'Bollywood' but poor Shashi will now be left alone.

Why blame the heroes and heroines for grabbing films? Even villain Kiran Kumar has signed seventy films which are progressing. He will be even more hard to get than the heroes and heroines in the film.



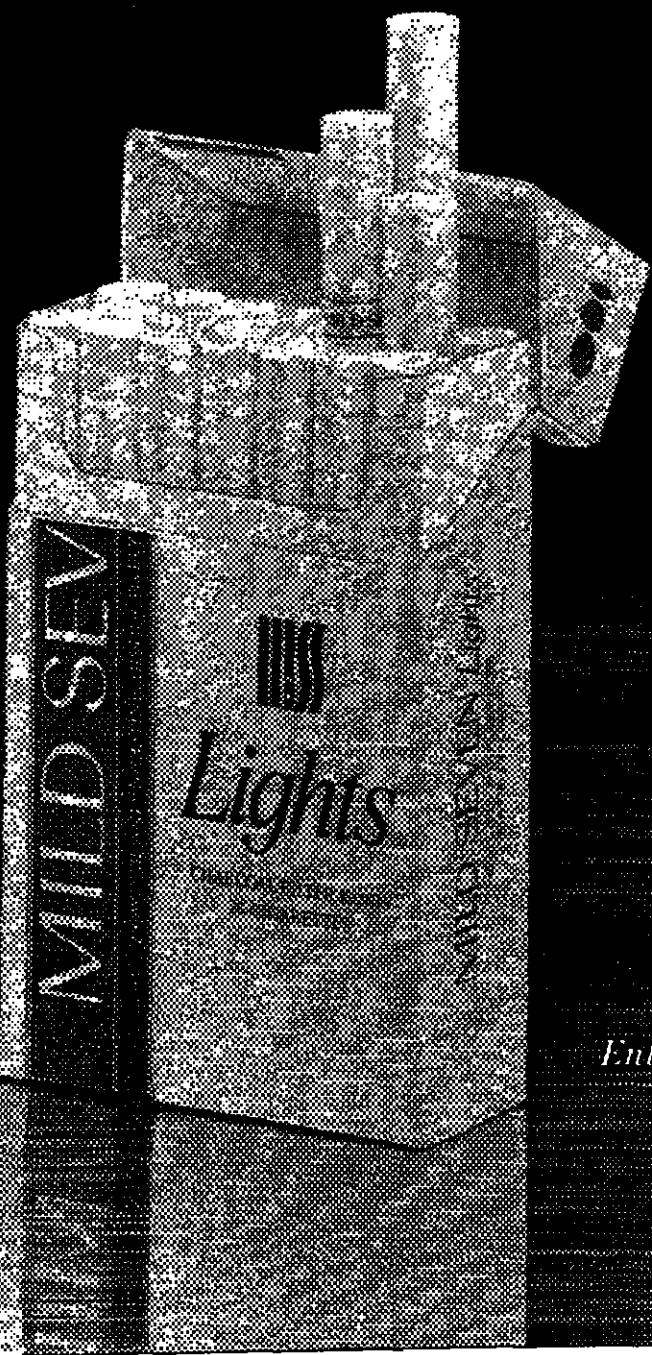
Poor Kumar Gaurav wants to be known as a 'rebel' but heroines like Amala think he's the cuddly sort.



Popular villain Kiran Kumar: working in 70 films

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By Smith



HUMOUR

Getting curried away!

THERE are two kinds of books on Indian cookery: those you cook from and those you look at. The first deals with recipes; the second dwells on cuisine.

You can tell the first kind at a glance — you have to since it's the sort of book to which you wouldn't give a second look.

The paper is as unglazed as an unfinished fruit flan, the layout is as unimaginative as a boarding school menu, and the whole approach is as unfrilled as a cook's speticot. But it lives up to a promise it does not make: the recipes are usually dependable.

The latter type of cookbook is an entirely different frying pan of fish. It is such a work of art that it would be sacrilege to expose it to the grease-spattered splatters of the kitchen.

Indeed it was never meant to be taken there. Its place is in the soft, expensive glow of the drawing room, among the scatter of travelogues and art catalogues.

If cookery books have joined these two staples of coffee-table literature, it is only natural. The gastronomic tour is now a legitimate segment of the upmarket holiday, and, correctly photographed, the perfect rump steak could be made to appear as much a work of art as a Botticelli Venus — and as delectable.

Humblest

Here even the simplest spice of the humblest hovel acquires an appeal so exotic that the original would be hard put to recognise itself should it chance upon its soft-focus reincarnation on these pages.

It might bring tears of joy to a chili, invite a lament from the tamarind, and make the snooty parsley wilt in envy at such an elevation in the status of the peasant coriander.

But you can hardly ladle out criticism against these books for this. If Leonardo da Vinci could have so romanticised his washwoman, why should these books not do the same for a lamb vindaloo? All art is but the perception of the humdrum through new eyes, so why should the culinary one be an exception?

All writers on Indian coffee-table cuisine have grandmothers from whom they have drawn inspiration. And if 'Dadiji' too would not be able to recognise what is allegedly her legacy, then it is to the greater credit of the writer for so imaginatively having recycled the hand-me-down.

Chic

Grandmother had usually shown the author, a tremulous teenager, quivering on the threshold of acne and adulthood, the family heirloom — a dog-eared recipe book, and told her in a quiet, but firm voice, "My child, one day this will be yours."

Scoff not at it, for it was with just such a treasure that the last of the Mughals could buy his escape through hostile territory, proving yet again that the way through the hardest heart, and out of history is also through a man's stomach.

Scoff not at it, for today these recipe books have been the saviours of publishing empires, greater than the treasures upon

In India, the gravy train to cuisine literature chugs on and anyone it seems, can get a ticket to ride. B.J. Karkaria takes a swipe at the coffee table Indian cookbook, whose place the author says, is in the soft, expensive glow of the drawing room rather than the grease-spattered kitchen.



this earth that moth, rust and death duties can consume.

Yes, as ethnic chic finds its niche, as the trendy scatter to the ends of the earth in search of the rough spun and the tough worn, the trade in local fare has picked up like a bullish share.

And don't worry about the china shop: there's enough in earthenware casseroles, and ceramic bowls to keep the business going even further.

If the most uppity names in publishing are wooing cooks or those who know how to write about cooking — and the two are seldom interchangeable — it is because they have realised that the art cook book caters for not just one but two of the most enduring appeals: to the

cover-deep.

Take a look at their table of contents. In the former, this is as no-nonsense as the outside and the rest of the inside, a straight-from-the-chopping-board division into: vegetables, meat, fish, rice and breads, sweets, pickles and chutneys. The ultimate in extravagance would be the addition of a glossary.

The 'look-at' cookbook may follow these broad outlines but the chapter headings are smothered in a rich semantic sauce. 'The North Where Lamb is King' or 'Spicing Up The Variety of Life' or 'The Silver Harvest From The Sea' or 'Daal, The Pulse of a Cuisine'.

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eye and the palate.

You can flip languidly through the pages and feast optically on the opulent spread before you.

In India itself, the bigger market is naturally for the straightforward 'cook-from' kind of recipe book. The cuisin- art 'look-at' type is largely to curry favour with the West. When an Indian does buy it, it is mainly for the kick he gets out of the international recognition of his daily *dahl* and *dopiaza*.

To satisfy the different palates of their different consumers, the differences in these two types of books is more than

The pages of the 'cook-from' type come straight to the point of recipes, divided into ingredients and method.

Cornucopia

In the latter you have to wade through the purple prose of history and tradition and culture. To say nothing of the shocked reaction of the family retainer upon finding the turmeric stains on the lilac-white hands of the Rajkumari, or the Begum Sahiba or the Missy-baba. If you are lucky you may find a recipe. And, if you are luckier still, it might be a practical one.

What you will certainly find

is a cornucopia of colour photographs. Cartier-Bresson may never have photographed a mutton biryani, despite the fact that the latter too calls for the "decisive moment" in which to fling off the binding paste of flour and water that seals lid to pan and traps the juices in the pan, but cookbook photography today is picking up more compliments than the chef.

Soft focus, highlighting, enhanced chromatics, composition, indeed all the ingredients of a tastefully set table complement each other in these illustrations.

The robust colours of a stuffed, spit roasted lamb find their counterpart in the unuttered elegance of a steamed fish. The straw basket laden with beiges of 'naan' and 'rotis' harmonizes with the gleaming thali piled with puffed up swaggers of puries.

Perhaps it is just as well that these books are less than generous with their helpings of recipes. It would be very difficult for the actual dish tried out by the likes of you and me to match the visual promise of the illustrations.

The recipes when they can be found, are as much a toast to copywriter's expertise. While a 'cook-from' book will call a korma a korma, the 'look-at' ones feel obliged to play variations on a theme. They tag on the labels of 'Hyderabadi' and 'Kashmiri' to convey the idea of instant richness. The names run through entire Mughal dynasties. No matter that the Murg Akbari tastes suspiciously like the Chicken Jehangiri and the Shahjahan Murg is clearly a direct descendant of the two. If questioned they will tell you that this is so because recipes, like the throne, were passed down from father to son — as part of the oral tradition.

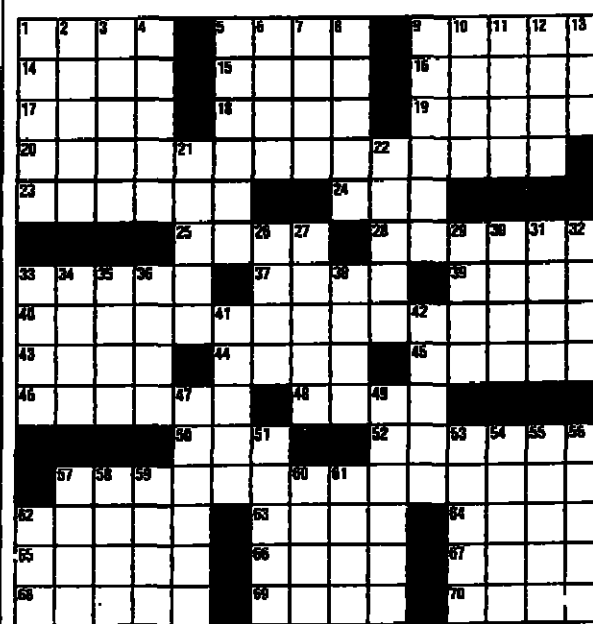
Price

Indeed if all Indian recipes can name their price today, the supposedly royal ones command a king's ransom. If former palaces have been converted into deluxe hotels, it was only to be expected that former princes and princesses would turn to writing cookery columns and then books.

And they, more than anyone else are entitled to embellish them with the extravagant trappings: all style and silverleaf, all ambience and almonds. To their elite corps have been added the satraps of showbiz. After Madhur Jaffrey has come Ismail Merchant providing India's far more romantic answer to Paul Newman's Industrial Strength Salad Dressing.

Thus the gravy train to cuisine literature chugs on. And anyone can get a ticket to ride. All you need is the master formula. Take one nice plump grandmother, marinate her in the juices of her own recipes. Grill slowly to extract all the hidden subtleties. Add liberal lashings of rituals, festivals and other exotica. Turn up the heat of the photographer's spotlights and, when nearly done, reduce to soft focus. Garnish with equal proportions of authenticity and audacity. Goes well with a mature, fruitily publisher at room temperature. Serves millions.

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- 23 Pencil part
- 24 Blue
- 25 Biblical brother
- 28 Make
- 33 Davenport
- 37 Octacle
- 39 Baptism, e.g.
- 40 Board game
- 43 "Misbehavin'"
- 44 1929 song
- 45 Colorless
- 46 Valuable possession
- 48 More inquisitive
- 48 Arabian bwig
- 50 — culpa
- 52 Strident sounds
- 57 Gambling game
- 62 Inexperienced
- 63 Shoe or family follower
- 64 Port, for one
- 65 Broadcast
- 66 Enthusiasm

DOWN

- 1 Take — (occur)
- 2 Strictness
- 3 The Atlanta
- 4 Marina sights
- 5 Teeth
- 6 Oil cartel: Abbr.
- 7 Desire
- 8 Flat, thick chunks
- 9 Ridicule
- 10 Ardent
- 11 Sharp taste
- 12 Rim
- 13 — gratias
- 21 Singer Della
- 22 Stove
- 26 On the briny
- 27 Sam or Vanya
- 29 Flatboats
- 30 Connections
- 31 To be, to
- 32 Egg holder
- 33 Look over
- 34 Cincinnati's river
- 35 Five-buck bills
- 36 Against
- 38 Attention-getter
- 41 Tear
- 42 Billiards shot
- 47 Corrects

ACROSS

- 49 Start a new paragraph
- 51 Performed
- 53 Person from Sioux City
- 54 Sarcastic
- 55 Lab burners
- 56 Appears
- 57 Small combo
- 58 Kind of sandwich
- 59 Coral ridge
- 60 A Guthrie
- 61 Genuine
- 62 Joke

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

POPE SLIP RBTB
AMYO CANIO ARAP
CASEWORKER TITILE
REGENCY APIECE
LECH SCOFF
ARCADE ALLEYCAT
LEASE CRUET AVE
SASS CORIES TSAR
OTE MONAD TRESS
PAYMENTS CHASTE
JUICE HARD
AVOTRE BOROUGH
MONA PLOWCASE
ATTEN TROLL ELIA
NEST STYE DENT

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—Both vulnerable, as South you

hold: ♠J86 ♥AQ107632 ♦A7 ♣5

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass

2 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—No sense in fooling around.

You have the equivalent of an opening bid facing partner's opening,

and you certainly know where you want to play the hand. Bid four hearts.

Q.2—Neither vulnerable, as South

you hold:

♠Q873 ♥AQJ83 ♦952 ♣7

The bidding has proceeded:

West North East South

3 ♦ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—Because of our working cards

in partner's suits, we certainly would not be content to play below

game; however, we don't know

which major suit to choose—partner

could have five spades and only

three hearts. We would force him to

make the decision by cue-bidding

four diamonds.

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you

hold:

♠KQ7642 ♥Q10 ♦6 ♣QJ98

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

2 ♥ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

3 ♦ Pass ?

What action do you take?

A.—It sounds for all the world as if

partner is at least 6-4 in the red suits with a singleton spade. Despite the misfit, however, your two honors in partner's first suit are just too good to ignore. We suggest you raise to five hearts, denying the ability to make a cue-bid.

Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠76 ♥KQ8732 ♦652 ♣83

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♦ 1 ♠ ?

What action do you take?

A.—A bid by you now would be

forcing, certainly to at least the

three-level in your own suit. If you

could guarantee that the auction

would end there, you might venture

two hearts. But partner will surely

bid again and you could get into

trouble. Take the wise course and

pass.

Q.5—Neither vulnerable, as South

you hold:

♠KQJ6 ♥7 ♦KQJ983 ♣72

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♥ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

3 ♦ Pass ?

What action do you take?

A.—You might want to play a dia-

mond or spade slam, or a no trump

game—you don't know yet. Don't

blast into Blackwood, because you

could easily be overboard if partner

shows three, and that will surely be

the case if he has only two. Bid three

spades and see what he does.

Q.6—Both vulnerable, as South you

hold:

♠AK6 ♥K52 ♦AJ ♣AK652

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

2 NT Pass 3 ♠ Pass

What do you bid now?

A.—You have an excellent hand in

support of spades—three good

trumps, all prime cards, a ruffing

value and a fair five-card suit. You

must alert partner to slam possibilities,

and you do this by making an

advance cue-bid of your cheapest

first-round control. Bid four clubs.

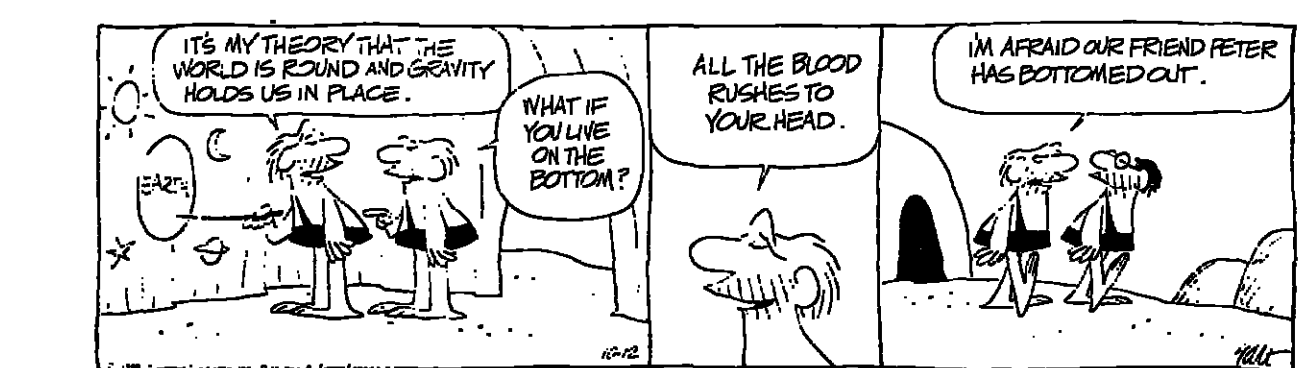
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By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will be able to get a move on. You are liable to feel rather too confident. There is everything to be said for being more polite. Be constructive.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You will tend to feel rather unsure of yourself and should beware of making promises. You will be able to make good progress at work. You will have something to be pleased about. Be alert.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

After a good start things will tend to slow down so do what is most important first. You should not believe all your hear. You will know only later how lucky you have been. Be moderate.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will tend to feel a little lethargic and will have to discipline yourself. Do not expect others to do all you would like them to do. Show just a little more goodwill and use a lot more commonsense. Be less critical.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

You will be able to control your expenditure only if you make a conscious effort not to be extravagant. You should not leave things until the last moment. Make sure you do not expose yourself to infection. Be selective.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

The Moon's influence will be more favourable but you should nevertheless not place too much trust in your intuitions. You should rely more on ingenuity and less on improvisation. Your emotions will tend to get out of control unless you exercise more discipline.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

Mercury and Venus are more favourable to you and you will be better able to meet your objectives. Make sure you do not drive faster than you should. Avoid exposing yourself to infection. Be realistic.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

At first you will feel a little out of sorts but later on you will be able to cheer up. You are liable to take too much for granted and to act on impulse. There is no time to lose. Be considerate.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

The influences are mixed and you should avoid taking any undue risks. You will tend to tire easily so do what has to be done first. There is no point in becoming excited if you keep calm you will get there just as quickly. Be firm.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

You will be able to overcome what seemed like a formidable obstacle. A little more commonsense is what is needed right now. You should try to avoid saying more than you had intended to do. Be magnanimous.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

The prospects are favourable but you must make sure you do not exaggerate or become over-confident. Avoid making any rash promises and make sure you distinguish between a promise someone makes and a mere possibility.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

You will tend to be rather nervous and the Moon's less favourable influence will not help. Avoid spending large sums in the hope of good returns just now. Do not act on hearsay and do not trust to luck. Be tactful.

The Art Buchwald Column

More questions

federally funded interstate highways?"

"If someone took all the garbage in Boston Harbour and dumped it off the beaches of New Jersey, would the people of New Jersey consider that a cheap shot?"

"Please give me four dates on which the Japanese might have bombed Pearl Harbour."

"If Sen. Bentsen gets elected, will those lobbyists who could not afford \$10,000 for breakfast in his office be entitled to meet with him for \$5,000 in the Senate cafeteria?"

"If you were a Scotch-tape dispenser, what kind of Scotch-tape dispenser would you be?"

"Would you advocate the death penalty for any pregnant woman who does not believe in the right-to-life movement?"

"Governor, when you play baseball with a kid for the TV cameras, do you ever put pine tar on your glove?"

"Mr Vice-President, do you think Mike Tyson and Robin Givens represent the

family values that you hold so dear?"

"Sen. Bentsen, if Dan Quayle is no Jack Kennedy, does that make Mrs Quayle no Jackie Onassis?"

"Sen. Quayle, if we refuse to embargo American wheat and sell it to the Russians, won't they become healthy and want to kill us?"

"Governor, the polls indicate that the only way you can win the election now is to tell us how you made Massachusetts one of the great states in the Union. Are you prepared to break your vow of secrecy and tell us how you did it?"

"Sen Quayle, would you agree to enroll in the Electoral College if your father made a large donation to the school?"

"Please tell us the names of all your heroes, and whether any of them has done TV commercials for Wheaties?"

"Do you

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Aquino seeks debt relief from foreign creditors

MANILA, Nov 2, (AP): President Corason Aquino appealed yesterday for new loans in advance of a scheduled visit by an International Monetary Fund panel to determine whether the country should qualify for additional money.

Mrs Aquino said in a statement that her government had taken steps to comply with IMF recommendations on economic reform and desperately needs new loans to finance land reform, health and education.

"I hope they will take this consideration in our favour and give us the necessary support so that our country will be able to use our funds for the priority needs," she told reporters.

The IMF panel is expected Wednesday to listen to government arguments in favour of additional loans. The Philippines owes about \$28.5 billion to foreign banks.

Money
Earlier this month, Central Bank Governor Jose Fernandez and Finance Secretary Vicente Jayme met in New York with representatives of creditor banks to discuss Philippine requests for new money.

But the two groups were divided over the size of the Philippine financing gap. Banking sources said the creditors believed the Aquino government had overestimated the amount of money it needed to finance the 1989-90 development plan.

Fernandez estimated the financing shortfall at \$3.1 billion, and banking sources said he asked for about \$2 billion in loans.

Philippine officials have also complained that the burden of servicing the debt has diverted funds from development projects necessary to restore political stability in this fractious nation.

Foreign capital investment on the rise

SEOUL, Nov 2, (AP): Attracted by a booming economy, foreign capital investment in equity projects in South Korea rose to total \$1,099 billion for the January-September period, up by 41.6 per cent over the same period last year, the Finance Ministry reported today.

The nine-month tally on an approval basis involved 251 projects.

Ministry officials said total foreign investment included \$561 million for 202 manufacturing projects, down 13.1 per cent in dollar terms from the same nine-month period last year. No official explanation was given for the decrease.

Projects
They said \$526 million of overall foreign investment went into 45 service projects such as hotels and financing businesses, up 298 per cent in dollar terms. Hotels topped the list with \$413 million, reflecting a growth in tourism partly linked to the Summer Olympics Games in September.

The remaining \$12 million was invested in four agricultural projects.

Direct foreign investment in this country since 1962 stands at a total of \$4.82 billion after deducting withdrawals, finance officials said.

Iran's non-oil exports drop

NICOSIA, Nov 2, (Reuters): Iran's exports of non-oil goods fell by a quarter to \$399 million dollars in the first half of the Iranian year beginning on March 21 compared with the same period in 1987, the Iranian news agency IRNA said today.

The agency, monitored in Nicosia, quoted a customs report as saying the main export items were hand-woven carpets, pistachio nuts, animal hides and intestines, caviar, construction materials, textiles, fish and fresh and dried fruits.

Exports slowed down when the rial strengthened, making them more expensive, after Iran's announcement on July 18 that it was ready to accept a ceasefire in the war with Iraq.

The open market rate for the dollar dropped to below 600 rials from a peak of 1,500 in June but has now climbed back to 1,000 rials. The official rate fluctuates around 70 rials to a dollar.

Non-oil exports rose sharply two years ago when the government introduced new export incentives because plummeting oil prices had cut its main source of hard currency.

The measures, still in force, allowed businessmen to sell up to 100 per cent of their export earnings at the open market according to the items sold.

Venezuela considers plan to raise up to \$1b in new loans

Subroto reaffirms \$18 target oil price

OSLO, Nov 2, (Reuters): OPEC Secretary-General Subroto said today that the organisation would keep aiming at an oil price of \$18 a barrel, despite a slump in crude prices blamed chiefly on OPEC overproduction.

Subroto, an Indonesian, spoke to reporters on arrival in Norway at the start of a two-day visit to discuss Oslo's co-operation with the 13-nation group.

Asked whether the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) might consider dropping the price level of \$18 a barrel that it has pledged to defend, Subroto said:

"\$18 is still the target we are shooting at."

Oil prices are currently just above \$12 a barrel.

Assessment
He also gave an upbeat assessment of efforts to resolve disagreement on production quotas between Iran and Iraq — perhaps the major stumbling block to any new OPEC pact.

"Efforts are being made on the diplomatic level ... a very active diplomatic effort to solve this," Subroto said. He gave no further

details.

Iraq at present refuses any quota, saying that it should be allowed equality of production with Gulf war foe Iran.

Iran, historically a bigger producer, has rejected that as unfair.

A meeting last month of OPEC's pricing and long-term strategy committees sought to devise a new basis for fixing output quotas on which all 13 OPEC states could agree.

But it failed to bring Iraq back into the fold, something which may now be left until a key ministerial meeting which starts in Vienna on Nov 21.

Asked the ministers' meeting would be "make or break" for the organisation, Subroto said: "I would like to see make rather than break ... we are all endeavouring to bring some order to the market."

He estimated demand for OPEC oil at between 18.5 and 19 million barrels per day (BPD) in the fourth quarter. OPEC currently has a production limit of 15.06 million BPD, excluding Iraq, but oil market analysts say

total OPEC production is well above 20 million BPD.

Subroto said he had come to Norway, Western Europe's biggest oil producer after Britain, to try to persuade Oslo to continue production curbs in support of OPEC.

Growth
Norwegian Oil Minister Arne Oeien last month threatened to drop a 7.5 per cent cut in planned production growth, introduced in February 1987, unless OPEC restored internal discipline.

"I have come ... to renew the co-operation between OPEC and Norway," Subroto said. "Both Norway and OPEC are in the same boat. If they can work together to stabilise the market, it would be to everyone's advantage and would help us strengthen the market."

Meanwhile, Venezuela is considering a plan to raise up to \$1 billion in new loans based on future crude oil sales and has contacted the Bank of America and Salomon Brothers Inc. regarding the plan, the finance ministry said yesterday.

The ministry said the transac-

tion, which it may implement by the end of the year, is designed as a sale of accounts receivable from oil over a seven-year period, based upon existing long-term crude oil supply contracts.

The operation appears to involve the sale of revenues from future oil sales to procure funds now.

The Bank of America and the firm Salomon Brothers have been contracted as agents to structure this transaction and implement the later placement in the market of institutional investors," the ministry statement said.

Bank of America is a subsidiary of San Francisco-based BankAmerica Corp. and Salomon Brothers Inc. is a New York-based investment bank.

The ministry said while the credits are based on oil sales, they did not involve trading in the oil futures market, nor would the price of the crude be fixed during the transaction's term.

The confirmation that Venezuela is seeking the loans followed Finance Minister Hector Hurtado's denial on Monday

that he had any knowledge of such a transaction. The statement gave no explanation as to why Hurtado denied knowing of the proposed deal, which was reported in Monday's Wall Street Journal.

The newspaper said Venezuela had decided to seek the loans because of its unwillingness to turn to the International Monetary Fund for help with a balance of payments deficit.

Debt
Venezuela's total foreign debt of \$30.3 billion is the fourth biggest in Latin America, after Brazil, Mexico and Argentina.

The government of President Jaime Lusinchi has been unable to persuade foreign banks to grant it fresh loans, other than project financing or export credits. Many commercial banks insist on a debtor nation agreeing to an economic programme with the IMF before granting new loans.

Hurtado has ruled out arranging any standby loan with the IMF during the remaining months of Lusinchi's administration, which leaves office in February.

Company tries to raise flagging stock price

Sears changes its marketing strategy

CHICAGO, Nov 2, (Reuters): Sears, Roebuck and Company, haunted by takeover rumours for months, said yesterday it would sell the 110-storey Sears Tower, slash costs and change its basic marketing strategy in a major shakeup at the world's largest retailer.

In a broad-ranging restructuring, Sears will raise enough cash to buy back about 10 per cent of its stock, worth some \$1.7 billion.

But Sears's bid to raise its flagging stock price fell flat on Wall Street, where more dramatic measures had been anticipated. Sears shares tumbled \$2.125, to

\$41.50, in afternoon trading.

The retailer's low profits and under-performing divisions have boosted takeover rumours.

Chairman Edward Brennan said consumers were confused by Sears's frequent sales and promotions, and the new strategy was to reduce inventories and boost sales with "every-day low pricing".

Retail industry analyst John Landschulz said: "This is a major turning point for Sears. Roebuck lack of growth has been their big problem. By putting the emphasis on every-day low prices it gives them an opportunity for growth."

The biggest piece of the restructuring is the abandonment of the Sears Tower, the world's tallest building, which promises to be the largest single-building sale in history. The price tag on the building is estimated at \$750 million to \$1.8 billion.

In the largest prior building sale, Citicorp last year sold a part interest in Citicorp Tower, one of New York's most prestigious office properties, for \$670 million.

Sears shares have been depressed for more than a year but lurched higher recently after takeover rumours began to surround the company. The

rumours gained momentum in recent weeks as a number of huge deals captured headlines: RJR Nabisco Inc's record \$20.3 billion offer from leveraged buyout specialist Kohlberg Kravis Roberts and Company, and the agreement by Kraft Inc to be acquired by Philip Morris for \$13.1 billion.

"We are acutely aware of investors' desires for improved returns and enhanced share value," said Brennan. But in a statement Sears talked about a post-restructuring company that would not be dramatically changed, since it will not leave any of its four major businesses.

Car rental company goes private

CHICAGO, Nov 2, (AP): Budget Rent A Car Corp's the nation's third-largest car rental company and the only one still publicly held, will be acquired for \$333 million by an investment group led by Gibbons, Green Van Amerongen Ltd and Budget's management, it was announced yesterday.

The deal will be financed primarily by the Ford Motor Co., officials said.

Budget said Beech Holdings Corp. would pay \$30 a share for the Chicago-based company's 11.1 million outstanding shares.

Budget closed Friday at \$17.125 in over-the-counter trading.

The deal was struck Sunday in New York, said budget spokeswoman Jody Wilson.

Agreement
Gibbons Green, an investment banking firm, is the general partner of the investment company that owns Beech Holdings. The agreement calls for Budgets management to purchase voting shares of Beech Holdings and continue to operate Budget.

Ford's financing will be through a purchase of non-voting shares of Beech Holdings. Budget said in a statement. Budget did not reveal the amount of Ford's investment.

Overseas loans helping Gorbachev keep his promises

MOSCOW, Nov 2, (UPI): Faced with a storm of complaints about declining living standards and chronic shortages, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev is tapping foreign capital markets at an unprecedented rate — almost tripling the national debt — to make good on his promise of a communist consumer paradise.

In recent weeks the Kremlin has been borrowing feverishly to build up its light manufacturing and food processing industries in an effort to restock the nation's shelves.

Some Western bankers and diplomats term it an attempt to "bribe" Soviet workers to support what has so far amounted to painful economic reform. The reforms have led to layoffs and plant closings and a loss of one million manufacturing jobs in the first nine months of this year.

Eager
European banks, encouraged and in effect baited Gorbachev out, US banks, believing there is not enough profit in the terms Moscow demands, remain on the sidelines.

Since Gorbachev came to power in 1985 the Soviet hard currency foreign debt has almost tripled, to an estimated \$40 billion. In October alone the Kremlin signed up for another \$2.4 billion in Western credits. At least another \$2.5 billion more are being negotiated with bank consortiums from Britain and France, according to diplomats.

Western bankers and diplomats are divided over whether the Kremlin is taking on too much foreign debt too quickly. The problem is compounded because the Soviet rouble is not convertible in world markets.

Exports

All Soviet exports are priced in dollars, including oil. Half the national debt is denominated in Japanese yen and German marks. Thus when the dollar slides against these currencies, the Soviets have to sell more goods in dollars to service the debt.

"Yes, the debt has increased dramatically, but it is not anything that overly worries people yet," said one British banker in Moscow. "The debt looks to be sustainable and the feeling is they can and will borrow more. They get favourable terms and it provides a relatively quick fix for the economy."

Experts say it has become more difficult for Gorbachev to continue to ask Soviet workers to work harder for less. The need to

'buy back' enthusiasm for reform and entice fence-sitters to join in has become critical.

At Krasnoyarsk in eastern Siberia recently, Gorbachev was hammered by blue collar workers and professionals complaining of chronic shortages of even the most basic of foods. Diplomats believe the trip galvanised him into action.

Shortages

Even though it is just beginning and hardly the cause of such shortages, reform has lost friends to the "declining living standards" argument, a key weapon in the conservative opposition's arsenal.

"He desperately wants to increase the quantity and quality of consumer goods," one Western diplomat said.

"Yes, it is a way of buying off discontent to make the people work harder. This is really what he should be doing, though. He should be increasing the flow of consumer goods to boost incentive. People are going to stop working if they have nothing to work for."

In an interview with the West German magazine Der Spiegel, Gorbachev attacked notions that West was bailing out his reforms or that the Kremlin was eager for a 'Marshall Plan' to revive its economy.

Goods

"This is, as I understand it... in some respect an instance of arrogance," he said.

"It is claimed that without the capitalist engine, it will be impossible to pull out the Soviet economic train. To cut a long story short, I will say the following: We are sure that we will resolve our problems on our own, but we are prepared fully to use the opportunities offered by external relations. We are not expecting assistance."

Two deals concluded in October, with a West German consortium led by Deutsche Bank for 3 billion marks (\$1.67 billion) and with an Italian consortium for \$775 million, were specifically earmarked for an urgent modernisation of the decrepit factories of the Soviet consumer goods industry.

Last July the Soviet Union floated a \$273 million Eurobond issue in Deutsche marks for the same purpose. That followed a trial issue of \$65.3 million by Swiss banks in January.

Some bankers interpret the borrowing fever as a sign of failure rather than of any new Soviet confidence in dealing with the West.

"It was clear the Soviet Union

had hoped their push on joint ventures would have provided the Western capital to build up the consumer goods industry," a Western businessman said.

"But the terms were so unfavourable it attracted little real investment, just token gestures. When they realised this failed, they had to go to the well."

Gas production

ABU DHABI, Nov 2, (OPECNA): The total 1988 production of the Dubai Gas Company (DUGAS) will reach 600,000 tonnes of liquefied natural gas (LNG) this year. The figure does not include dry gas which the company also produces.

Company deputy chairman Mirza Hussein Al Sayegh will next month sign two agreements with Japanese firms to replace a five-year contract expiring in 1990, according to a local newspaper.

World Business Summary

Platinum price jumps on strong speculative buying

ZURICH, Nov 2, (Reuters): The price of platinum, the costliest precious metal, has jumped in recent days on heavy buying by speculators who think supplies will not meet demand this year. Zurich dealers today quoted it at \$564/566 an ounce, \$12 above yesterday's close and around \$40 higher than a week ago. "Demand for platinum for industrial purposes, particularly for use in catalytic converters, has risen faster than supplies," said Fredy Gubler, a precious metals analyst with Citicorp Investment Bank (Switzerland) in Zurich. Catalytic converters clean up car exhaust fumes by absorbing carbon monoxide and nitrogen oxide. They are widely used in North America and are becoming more widespread in Europe as governments tighten anti-pollution regulations. Analysts said other factors had encouraged the platinum rally — recent 'buy' recommendations from commodity houses, lack of movement in other precious metals, introduction of new platinum coins by Australia and Canada and traditional demand from the jewellery industry. Japan, where platinum is much in demand for jewellery as well as for industrial purposes, appears to be the main buyer. A Zurich dealer said a London house placed an order for 50,000 to 70,000 ounces of platinum in New York on Monday, apparently on behalf of a Japanese client. Orders of this size would cause barely a ripple in the gold market but have a big impact on the much thinner and more volatile platinum market. "It's not clear whether the Japanese are just investing in an item that looks like getting scarce or if they are trying to meet real physical demand," said Gubler. Some controversy surrounds the question of how much platinum is in circulation and how strong world demand is. Johnson Matthey PLC, the largest refiner, said in September that world demand in 1988 would exceed supply by 450,000 ounces.

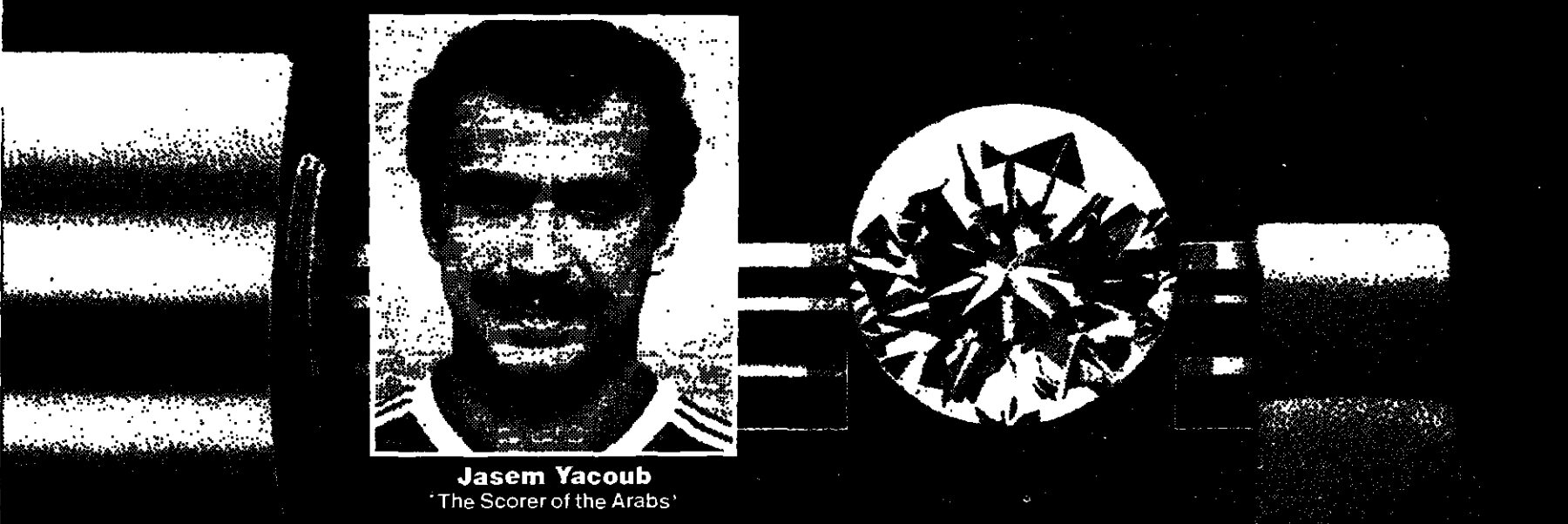
Iraq finds new oil deposit

BAGHDAD, Nov 2, (Reuters): Iraq said today it had found high-quality oil reserves in the south after drilling down 4,700 feet (1,430 metres) and it planned to sink more deep wells elsewhere. Oil Minister Issam Abdul Rahim Al Chalabi told the Iraqi news agency INA the deposit, with a very low sulphur and acid content, was found at North Rumaila oilfield northwest of Basra. "Other plans were laid to drill deep wells in giant oilfields," he said. "Test operations of the new oil deposit are continuing to study its geographical extent." Chalabi said Iraq's proven oil reserves were put at 100 billion barrels at the start of this year. Its current production is estimated at 2.7 million barrels a day.

Sino-Soviet border trade surges

HONG KONG, Nov 2, (AP): Chinese-Soviet border trade for 1988 is expected to reach nearly \$466.7 million, more than four times that of last year, according to a pro-Beijing news agency report appearing today. The China News Service said Chinese-Soviet economic co-operation near the border has evolved into joint ventures, technology transfer, contract projects, labour corporations and processing and assembling industries. The report in the Hong Kong newspaper Sing Tao Wai Pao said provinces bordering the Soviet Union such as Heilongjiang, Jilin, inner Mongolia and Xinjiang, and inland provinces and autonomous regions are allowed to trade directly with the Soviets. China and the Soviet Union in recent years have tried to improve relations after an era of icy relations because of political and ideological differences. China exports consumer goods, electronic appliances and food to the Soviet Union and imports Russian timber, chemical fertilizers and vehicles, it said. The report said the first Chinese-Soviet joint venture — a photography laboratory — has opened at the border near the Sea of Japan, while the first Chinese trade fair ended in the Soviet city of Blagoveshchensk about a week ago. Lin Jingxi, Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade, has said Chinese-Soviet trade increased rapidly since the two communist giants signed an agreement in June for local trade development and economic co-operation. China News Service said trade between China's northeastern Heilongjiang province and the Soviet Union in the first nine months of 1988 was \$231 million. Trade between the Soviet Union and Jilin, inner Mongolia and Xinjiang provinces totalled \$207.8 million.

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BERTSFORD	406/0	
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BR CONM	242/0	
BR AIRWAY	168.0	
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DIXONS	147/0	
ENG CHINA	491/0	
ENTER OIL	581.0	
FBI BACK	137.0	
FERRANTI	95.0	
FISONS	250.0	
GATEWAY	168/0	
GEN ACCIO	863.0	
GEN ELEC	176/0	
GLAXO	110/0	
GRAND	328/4	
GLOBE	146.5	
GLYNED	302/0	
GUYARD RL	183.0	
GON	330/0	
GUINNESS	341/0	
HMERSH A	663.0	
HANSON	149.0	
HARRISON C	656/0	
HAKER SID	533/0	
HILLSDOWN	267/0	
ICI	035.0	

LONDON
(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALLCE	759/0	758/0
600 GROUP	120/0	120/0
A.AMER TS	365/0	365/0
A.S.ELECT	462/0	459/0
A.S.V.HLD	193/0	193/0
AAB KENT	88/0	88/0
AAB HLD	272/0	273/0
AARONSON	128/0	127/0
ADDITION	36/0	36/0
ADJUST	346/0	345/0
ALEX WRKV	175/0	177/0
ALEXON	354/0	353/0
ALLD COLL	128/0	129/0
ALLD IN	243/0	242/0
ALLD IR B	246/0	247/0
ALLD LND	132/0	133/0
ALLD PLMT	70/0	71/0
ALLIANCE	852/0	851/0
AMBER DAY	52/0	52/0
AMEC	352/0	353/0
AMER TST	135/4	136/0
AMERSHAM	559/0	560/0
AMT HLTHC	256/0	256/0
AMTIA TV	211/0	211/0
ANSSACHER	83/0	82/0
APPLYARD	464/0	463/0
APV PLC	132/0	133/0
ATWOODS	184/0	185/0
ATWOO	324/0	325/0
AUST REED	370/0	370/0
AUTO SECS	271/0	272/0
AVOYEL PLC	82/0	80/0
AVESCO	109/0	110/0
AVIS EUR	350/0	351/0
AVON RUBB	703/0	701/0
B.MEJILL	193/0	194/0
BAILL JAP	454/0	455/0
BAILL SHI	78/4	79/0
BAIRD (U)	236/0	235/0
BAIRK TRE	246/0	247/0
BANKER IT	76/0	76/0
BARKER DO	122/0	122/0
BARRY DEV	184/0	185/0
BAYNES C	30/0	30/0
BBA GROUP	182/0	183/0
BEAR B.NT	3/4	3/4
BEAR BRND	10/6	11/0
BEATTIE J	162/0	161/0
BEJAM GP	199/0	202/0
BELHAVEN	51/0	51/0
BELWAY	245/0	246/0
BENROSE	226/0	226/0
BENLOX HD	51/0	52/0
BERKELEY	274/0	274/0
BSN NINT	442.0	442.0
BH GROUP	101/0	102/0
BLK OF SCO	360/0	361/0
BLK LE 2	132/0	132/0
BUNNETT F	32/0	32/0
BOASE NS	253/0	254/0
BODDINGTON	169/0	168/0

BODY SHOP	615/0	613/0
BOOT HENR	388/0	388/0
BORTHWICK	59/0	59/0
BR ARROW	108/0	108/0
BR ASSETS	70/0	70/0
BR DREDGI	139/0	139/0
BR VITA	231/0	231/0
BRENT CHE	379/0	380/0
BRENT WKR	379/0	380/0
BRIDON	174/0	174/0
BRITAIN SE	187/0	188/0
BRITANNIC	348/0	347/0
BRIXTON E	359/0	358/0
BRYANT GP	132/0	132/0
BSG INTL	63/0	63/0
BSR INTL	70/4	70/0
BULLOUGH	473/0	475/0
BULMER HP	162/0	162/0
CALENDONIA	358/0	360/0
CALOR GRP	385/0	386/0
CAMB ELEC	237/0	237/0
CAMFORD E	187/0	188/0
CANNING W	233/0	234/0
CANNON ST	287/0	287/0
CAP.RADIO	436/0	437/0
CARADON	349/0	349/0
CARLTON E	176/0	175/0
CARLTON C	655/0	651/0
CATER ALL	350/0	350/0
CATTLE HD	64/0	65/0
CAULDON	10/0	10/0
CENTL TV	567/0	563/0
CHAM PHRR	160/0	160/0
CHARTERNA	21/0	21/0
CHAS CHUR	106/0	106/0
CHLORIDE	59/4	61/0
CHIT GROUP	604/0	605/0
CI GROUP	46/0	46/0
CHTR SEC	49/0	49/0
CHRY OIL	158/0	159/0
COALITE	332/0	331/0
COATES BR	305/0	305/0
COLLINS A	465/0	465/0
COLLINS W	546/0	545/0
COLLOROLL	175/0	176/0
CONNELLS	264/0	265/0
COSTAIN	326/0	325/0
COURT FR	213/0	212/0
COURT (T)	144/0	145/0
CRH	133/0	133/0
CRIDA INT	189/0	190/0
CRYSTAL	165/0	165/0
CTRY PROP	264/0	263/0
CTRY EST	28/4	28/6
DAVIS OIL	160/0	160/0
DAVY CORP	163/0	164/0
DE LA RUE	483/0	485/0
DELTA GRP	296/0	298/0
DEVENISH	317/0	315/0
DEWHIRST	43/0	43/0
DIPLOMA	213/0	212/0
DOBBSON PK	95/4	95/0
DOUGLAS R	309/0	308/0
DOUDINGTON	62/0	62/0
DOUGHTY GRP	229/0	228/0
DRAYTON C	481/0	481/0
DRE	505/0	505/0
DUKESTR	70/0	70/0
DUNDEE LD	292/0	292/0
DUNHILL	229/0	230/0
EAGLE TST	14/0	14/2
EDIN I.T	159/2	160/0
ELECTRON	200/0	200/0
ELLIS EVA	161/0	162/0
ENAP	222/0	222/0
EMPIRE ST	227/0	227/0
ERA GROUP	63/0	63/0
EUROHEM	312/0	313/0
EUROHORN	401/0	400/0
EURLTH UT	350/0	349/0
EURLTH UT	21/4	21/4
EVODE GRP	187/0	188/0
EXPANSE J.C.	160/0	160/0
FAIRFAX	28/0	28/0
FEC EURO	230/0	230/0
FEC PACIF	136/0	136/0
FEC SNLR	70/0	71/0
FALCON	100/0	100/0
FARNELL E	149/0	148/0
FED.HOUSH	280/0	280/0
FENNER JN	172/0	172/0
FILMAR GP	77/0	78/0
FILINAY J	121/0	120/0
FITCH LON	253/0	256/0
FKB GP NV	285/0	285/0
FKB GROUP	286/0	287/0
FLUG AMER	124/4	123/4
FLUG JAP	147/0	147/0
FLUG JAP	189/0	189/0
FLUG MCH	180/0	180/0
FLUG TECH	175/4	175/0
GREEN KMG	454/0	453/0
GREENL W	275/0	274/0
GREYCOAT	430/0	431/0
GRV TV AT	47/0	47/0
GT PRTLD	350/0	352/0
GUINNESS N	127/0	127/0
GUS ORD	675/0	700/0
GVTT STRA	228/0	229/0
H.LMD DIS	122/0	122/0
HALL (N)	170/0	170/0
HALLA	195/0	194/0
HAMBROS I	222/4	223/0
HAMBROS J	712/0	710/0
HAYTHN LE	48/4	49/0
HAZELWOOD	229/0	230/0
HEATH(CE)	441/0	442/0
HELENE PL	32/0	32/0
HELICAL B	304/0	305/0
HEPORTH	241/0	240/0
HESTAIR	318/0	319/0
HEYWOOD W	282/0	282/0

HICKS IN	225/0
HIGGS RIL	359/0
HMSRD CTY	75/0
HMSRD ZOP	260/0
HMSR SPHR	172/0
HOLMES PR	129/0
HOLDEN GP	127/0
HOPKINS	109/0
HTV GROUP	262/0
ICE.FZ.FD	322.0
IMRY M.DV	424/0
INDPHOT V	12/0
INNOV PLC	27/4
INT.BU.CH	122/0
INT.CITY	101/0
INV.CAP.	353/0
JHNS&FIR	45/4
JOS HLDGS	133/0
KALAMAZOO	45/4
KALON GRP	37/0
KELT ENGY	36/0
KETSON	76/0
KLMRT CHR	123/2
KLMRT O'S	131/4
KLMRT SML	156/0
KMK SAV	361/0
KMK-FIT	115/0
LAIING 'A'	307/0
LAIING ORD	307/0
LAIING PRP	491/0
LAIING PRP	260/0
LAIING PRP	372/0
LAURELS U	146/0
LON & NET	179/0
LON INTL	220/0
LON SHOP	272/0
LON LTD	131/0
LON&NET	136/0
LEX SERV	381/0
LIFE SCIE	54/0
LILLEY FJ	53/4
LIT	150/0
LLOYD LTD	209/0
LOW LOGP	53/0
LOGICA	382/0
LOW (WR)	674/0
LOW&SONNER	232/0
LOWNDES	78/0
M&G GROUP	346/0
M.C.PACIF	169/0
MACARTHY	245/0
MAT	92/4
MAJESTIE	216/0
MANDERS	210/0
MANNATH	74/0
MARLEY	174/0
MATTHEWS	84/0
MALINDERS	108/0
MCKECHNIE	324/0
MENEC	228/0
MENZIES	302/0
MERCH. TST	156/6
MERLIN IN	113/0
METAL CAS	215/0
METAL RAL	89/0
MENINT	406/0
MIDSWINTER	181/0
ML HLDGSS	117/0

UK stocks languish near lows

Dollar weaker despite Fed intervention

LONDON, Nov 2. (Reuters): The central banks of the United States and Japan bought dollars in renewed open market intervention today to prop up America's currency.

The US Federal Reserve Bank bought dollars for yen when currency trading opened in New York. The Bank of Japan bought an estimated \$300 million to \$400 million during Tokyo's trading day.

After the US intervention, London traders said the dollar perked up but by 1430 GMT it was hardly changed from its opening level, fetching just under 125 yen.

British and West German shares fell while gold and oil prices edged higher. Most currency dealers reckoned the dollar would remain weak ahead of the US presidential election next Tuesday.

"People are still very negative here," said economist Tim Fox of Barclays Bank Global Treasury Services in London.

Investors
The pattern of the last few days has been for heavy dollar selling in Asia partially countered in the European and US trading days by news of dollar-buying intervention by the Bank of Japan and the US Federal Reserve.

Today's trading was complicated by the fact that Thursday is a national holiday in Japan.

"Institutional investors hurried to sell ahead of the holiday here, on expectations that downward pressure on the dollar could increase because the Bank of Japan cannot support it tomorrow," said Hirozumi Tanaka, foreign exchange department chief at Dai-ichi Kangyo Bank in Tokyo.

The dollar opened about half a penny and a quarter of a yen down in London at 1.7825 West German marks and 125 yen and by midday had eased to around 1.7795 and 124.75.

Much of the market's concern about the dollar sprang from long-term worries about the huge US budget deficit.

Britain's pound sterling opened about half a penny lower at 3.1550 marks, but was about a cent higher at \$1.77. By midday it traded around 3.1588 marks and \$1.7733.

Dealers said Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson implied in his autumn economic statement to parliament yesterday that British interest rates would remain high in order to fight rising inflation.

Slipped
Lawson said in a radio interview this morning that interest rate levels appeared adequate and he saw no need to raise them for now.

West German shares shed pre-bourse gains to start lower but French shares started quietly fir-

mer after a four-day All Saints holiday weekend.

In Asia, Tokyo's 225-share Nikkei average slipped 28.41 points to 27,985.26, breaking a run of seven consecutive trading days of gains.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng index ended 7.61 points lower at 2,607.82 in dull trading and thin turnover, dealers said.

Australian shares were lower in cautious, lacklustre trading and Sydney's All Ordinaries index fell 5.5 points to 1,579.4.

Gold was fixed in London this morning at \$412.50 an ounce compared with a close of 410.75 yesterday.

Brent oil from Britain's North Sea was quoted in Europe at around \$12.60 a barrel for December delivery compared with \$12.22 at the close in London yesterday.

In London equities were languishing near the day's lows in desultory trading as a weak dollar and an easier start on Wall Street weighed on the market.

Dealers said growing bearishness over the dollar and a realisation that UK interest rates would not be coming down for some considerable time pushed shares lower this morning. The fall then accelerated when a number of sell programmes were triggered as the FTSE 100 slid through 1,850 toward midday.

"The dollar's fall has made a lot of people nervous but as yet there's no real selling pressure in

the market," said one trader. By 1550 GMT the FTSE 100 was 18.5 points off at 1,839.3.

Dealers noted that it was the major exporting companies, and therefore big dollar earners, which had suffered most today as the US currency fell.

ICI was 12p down at 1.034, Hawker Siddeley slipped 11p to 554, Glaxo dropped 12p to 1,110, Wellcome shed 10p to 470 and B&I lost 10p to 457.

However, more intervention by the US Federal Reserve served to halt the dollar's decline and Wall Street was trading only narrowly easier when dealers here had feared it would fall much farther.

Sentiment
Overall market sentiment was also undermined by retailer Marks and Spencer's half-year figures, which showed a pre-tax profit at the lower end of analysts' forecasts at £185.5 million. The figure compared with £171.7 million in the first half of 1987 and estimates of £185 million to £195 million.

Publisher Reed International, though, proved a bright spot with its shares up 2p to 415 after reporting first-half pre-tax profits up 21 per cent to £133.2 million, against market forecasts of around £115 million.

Scottish and Newcastle were steady at 401p with its downside potential limited by the 400p per share Elders bid. Furnishings company

Coloroll, unchanged at 175, also reported half-year results above expectations today, with pre-tax profit at 20.55 million compared with 11.15 million in 1987.

The building sector avoided the general malaise, helped by Chancellor Lawson's commitment, in his autumn economic statement yesterday, to spend an extra £3 billion on roads and construction over the next three years.

Blue Circle added 2p to 452, Tarmac 4p to 250, RMC 4p to 511, AMEC 7p to 358, and McAlpine 3p to 334.

TSB rose 1p to 109 after it said the entire £108 million it lost in a fraud attempt last month had been recovered.

Steady
Irish Distillers was steady at 408p after Pernod extended its 4.50 Irish pounds per share bid and the UK Trade Department cleared both the Pernod offer and Grand Metropolitan's 5.25 Irish pounds bid for the company.

Pernod also claimed it had control of 53.5 per cent of Irish Distillers but this includes the 20 per cent held by FII Fyffes PLC which Pernod maintains it has a verbal agreement to buy.

A Dublin court last week agreed with Pernod but Fyffes is appealing against the decision. The Fyffes appeal opens in Dublin on Nov 8 and is expected to last about three days, sources said.

Iraq to expand external long-term economic ties

BAGHDAD, Nov 2. (OPECNA): Iraq's First Deputy Prime Minister, Taha Yassin Ramadan, said here yesterday that Iraq had drawn up a general framework for expanding its external economic ties on a long-term basis.

Opening the 25th Baghdad international fair on behalf of President Saddam Hussein, Ramadan said Iraq was seeking to achieve speedy and comprehensive development and provide essential prerequisites for economic progress.

He noted that Iraq's national income had risen by an annual rate of 16 per cent, while per capita income had increased from \$350 in 1968 to \$2,550 in 1987.

Participation
Noting that 62 countries and more than 2,200 companies were taking part in this year's fair, Ramadan said this large-scale participation was a further indication of Iraq's strong international economic relations.

On the global economic situation, the Iraq's deputy premier said the growing gap between world's advanced and develop-

ing countries had become a cause for alarm.

"A comprehensive solution to this crisis requires the efforts of all parties and their participation on an equal footing in the establishment of a new international economic order," he added.

Speaking at the formal opening of the fair, Iraqi Minister of Trade Mohammed Mehdi Saleh said Iraq was trying to reduce dependence on oil revenues in view of sharp fluctuations in the world oil market.

Opportunity
The two-week fair, which is being attended by industrial manufacturers from all over the world, will provide Iraq with an opportunity to demonstrate the progress it has made in industry, agriculture and technology.

Trade, economy and industry ministers from 21 countries are expected to attend this year's jubilee anniversary of the fair.

Earlier, Kuwaiti Minister of Commerce and Industry Faisal Al Khalid stated in Kuwait that 25 national companies would participate in the fair.

Reaffirming his country's keenness to promote trade

exchanges among Arab countries, the minister said he would sign an overland transport agreement with Iraq which would boost bilateral economic and commercial relations.

Needs
He added that he would discuss the possibility of purchasing cereals from Iraq to meet Kuwait's needs.

In an arrival statement here, Saudi Arabian Minister of Commerce Dr Suleiman Al Salim welcomed the fact that the fair "is being held in an atmosphere of peace and at a time when Iraq is engaged in rebuilding what was destroyed in the war."

Meanwhile, a statement released last week from the South Korean Foreign Ministry said that a delegation comprising officials from the ministries of Foreign Affairs, Finance, Trade, Energy and Construction would attend the fair.

The delegation, which would spend a week in Iraq, would hold talks with Iraqi officials on stepping up bilateral economic cooperation and also emphasise Korea's keenness to take part in Iraq's post-war reconstruction.

Markets to cast own vote on economic policy of new American president

TOKYO, Nov 2. (Reuters): Time is already running out for the next president of the United States to solve America's economic problems. And he hasn't even been elected yet.

No matter who wins the election on November 8, he will have to move quickly to reduce the huge US budget and trade deficits or face the ire of world financial markets, Canadian, European and Japanese economists said.

The patience of financial markets may be ended after the election," said Jacques Mistral, an economic adviser to the French government.

Investors
Some foreign investors have already begun to show signs of impatience at having to wait for action from Washington.

The dollar has dropped sharply in the last month, partly because Japanese and other foreign investors have decided the United States is not reducing its trade deficit fast enough.

Solutions
"If the budget and external deficits look unlikely to drop rapidly, at some point financial markets will explode," said Takashi Kikuchi, a general manager at LTCB Investment Management Co Ltd, a subsidiary of long-term Credit Bank of Japan.

If the new president — Republican George Bush or

Democrat Michael Dukakis — fails to cut the twin deficits, the markets may push the dollar, US bonds and shares lower.

Only a few weeks ago, conventional wisdom had it that the markets would give the new president a honeymoon period of as much as six months to come up with solutions to those problems.

But now that looks optimistic. Foreign investors are becoming as frustrated as some US voters with the failure of either candidate to come up with a credible economic agenda.

While a Democratic victory could hurt financial markets because the party is perceived as being anti-business, the impact is likely to be short-lived.

"You may have an emotional reaction, but the economic fundamentals are not changed that much," said Warren Justin, chief economist at Bank of Nova Scotia, one of Canada's largest.

Strategy
"Whether or not the Republican or Democrat gets in the White House, they will still be facing the difficulty of reducing the (budget) deficit," said Neil Johnson, an economist at Toronto investment company Nesbitt Thomson Deacon Inc.

So far, however, neither Dukakis nor Bush has spelled out a credible strategy for doing that, economists said.

"On the key issue, budget

deficit reduction, the Bush ... plan is not credible nor workable," said Boston Co chief economist Allen Sinai. "In the case of Dukakis budget deficit reduction, there is no plan."

Some economists have been alarmed by Bush's insistence that he will not raise taxes to close the budget shortfall. They have read his lips and have not liked what they have seen. Bush promised voters that, regardless of deficit-cutting pressures, he would tell Congress, "read my lips — no new taxes."

Growth
"The Bush administration would continue to fuel US economic growth on the back of the savings of the rest of the world," said George Magnus, chief international economist at Warburg Securities in London. "And that is not something which is sustainable in the long run."

Although the vice-president's call for a capital gains tax cut could buttress financial markets and might even encourage Americans to save more, it is unlikely to survive a Democratic Congress, several economists said.

Massachusetts Governor Dukakis has scored points with some economists for at least recognising the possibility that taxes might have to be raised. But they are afraid he would fritter away the extra revenue with increased spending.

'Deficit will remain huge unless policies are changed'

New study predicts only modest US trade gains

WASHINGTON, Nov 2. (Reuters): A new study supports the US government's claim that deep-seated economic changes will prevent America's trade gap from widening again but warns the deficit will remain huge unless policies are changed.

The report, by a top economist at the Federal Reserve, is significant because it is one of the first attempts to put a number on the impact that phenomena such as rising investment and productivity, which are neglected in conventional forecasting models, might have on the nation's trade balance.

Deficit
The study estimates that trade gains from these and other so-called "supply-side" factors could reduce the US current account deficit, which measures trade in goods and services and investment earnings, by \$60 billion a year by 1993.

But the deficit, assuming no change in the dollar's inflation-

adjusted exchange rate, would still be \$120 billion in 1993, about the same as the Fed, the US central bank, projects for 1989. The gap last year was \$154 billion.

"Thus, while supply-side effects appear to be quantitatively significant, they do not appear in themselves to comprise an 'answer' to the deficit problem, at least over the time horizon we have considered," the study, by Peter Hooper, assistant director of the Fed's division of International Finance, says.

The paper is being published by the Brookings Institution, a Washington research group. Hooper stressed the research was preliminary and said he was not necessarily speaking for the Fed or for Brookings.

The study, which made no policy recommendations, comes amid keen debate about what else, if anything, needs to be done to correct global trade imbalances.

Taking the view that a lower

dollar was needed to make US exports cheaper abroad and foreign goods too expensive at home, dealers drove the dollar down to a five-and-a-half-month low against the Japanese yen on Monday.

The fall prompted the Fed and the Bank of Japan to buy several hundred million dollars to stabilise the currency.

Officials said US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady was anxious to keep the markets stable to avoid headlines that could hurt the election chances of his friend George Bush.

The Treasury, in a recent report to Congress, cited heightened competitiveness and strong investment inflows as among "several very important developments which should contribute to sustained improvement in the trade deficit over the longer term, without further exchange rate change."

Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan, in a letter last month to the

Senate, also said the improved competitive position of US firms might well cause them to boost capacity. That in turn would help to reduce the US external deficits.

"In short, we simply do not know enough to predict when, if ever, the ongoing improvement in our current account will be reversed, even at current exchange rates," Greenspan said.

In his new study, Hooper agrees that conventional forecasting models underestimate the importance of the relative decline in US wage costs, which he says are now much lower than in other industrial nations.

"Should this differential persist the result could be a shift in the location of manufacturing output capacity toward the United States," he writes.

Hooper stressed the substantial uncertainty of the estimates that this and other shifts might produce.

The International Monetary Fund, which was criticised by several ministers for the pessimistic forecasts it presented to the Group of Seven industrial nations (G-7) in September, has also built supply-side effects into its models.

But the IMF still expects the current account deficit to widen to \$165 billion in 1991 from \$129 billion in 1989, monetary sources say.

The Treasury counters that forecasters forget the G-7 is committed to further policy changes as when they are needed.

As long as the markets are convinced of this, the markets should remain orderly, its report to Congress said.

Given forecasts of still sizable deficits stretching into the 1990s, critics say such statements smack of complacency and warn of the danger of new market dislocations as long as the US remains heavily dependent on foreign savings.

Turkey expects another boom year for tourism

ANKARA, Nov 2. (Reuters): Turkey, enjoying an unprecedented tourist boom, expects to attract a record 4.6 million foreign visitors next year and bring in much-needed revenue to bolster the economy, tourism ministry sources said today.

An estimated 3.8 million tourists visited Turkey this year, up from 2.9 million in 1987 and 2.4 million in 1986, mainly from West Germany, Britain and other European Economic Community countries.

Tourism revenue is likely to reach \$2.7 billion next year, compared with 2.2 billion in 1988 and 1.5 billion in 1987, the sources said.

The tourism sector will be the main stabilising element in the economy, for years to come," Ali Tugel, head of the State Planning Organisation, told Turkish reporters.

Policy
Tourism Minister Tinnaz Tinnaz told a meeting of businessmen in Istanbul: "Increasing Turkey's share of the international market is one of the economic targets of our tourism policy."

Prime Minister Turgut Ozal, who laid the foundation stone for a new Hilton Hotel in the southern port of Mersin this week, has said Turkey hopes to earn an annual \$5 billion from tourism by 1992.

The ministry sources said Turkey had 111,300 registered tourist beds in mid-1988, up from 104,800 a year earlier. They said a further 180,000 were planned.

Envoy meets Sheikh Sabah

KUWAIT, Nov 2. (KUNA): Governor of Central Bank of Kuwait Sheikh Salem Abdul Aziz Al Sabah received today the Turkish Ambassador to Kuwait Guner Oztek.

Sheikh Salem also met with the governor of Algeria's Central Bank, who is currently on a visit to the country.

Bilateral issues of common concern were discussed in both meetings.

World gold production will rise for next four years, says study

NEW YORK, Nov 2. (AP): The world's 57 gold-mining countries will produce 57,979 million troy ounces of gold this year, an eight per cent increase over the 1987 figure, according to the Washington-based Gold Institute.

World gold production will increase by nine per cent to 63,427 million ounces next year and by a further 4 per cent and two per cent respectively in 1990 and 1991, the institute said in a statistical report issued last week.

The report was made with the participation of 294 mining entities, which supplied the institute with their production figures and projections. The document makes no price predictions.

South Africa, the world's largest producer, will produce 19.6 million ounces this year, 33.8 per cent of the world total.

The Soviet Union, No. 2, will produce 9.3 million ounces, for 16 per cent of the world total.

The United States, in third place, will mine 5.8 million ounces, or 10 per cent. These three nations and No. 4 Canada (4.4 million ounces) and No. 5 Australia (4.2 million ounces) account for about three quarters of the world's newly mined gold.

Other major producers are Brazil (2.9 million ounces, China (2.8 million), the Philippines (1.3 million), Papua-New Guinea (1.1 million), and Colombia (1.1 million). Forty-seven other countries produce 5.5 million ounces or 9.5 per cent of the world total.

Non-communist nations represent 45,495 million ounces and communist nations 12,484 million.

Projections
According to the institute's projections, South Africa will still be the world's biggest producer in 1991, with its production up to 20.7 million ounces. But it will be down slightly to only 30.6 per cent of the bigger world total output, projected at 67,554 million ounces that year.

US production should rise to

7.4 million ounces by 1991, 10.9 per cent of the world total, but still in third place behind the Soviet Union at 10.2 million ounces and 15.1 per cent of global output.

Australia should pull slightly ahead of Canada by 1991, with 5.9 million ounces and 8.7 per cent of world output to Canada's 8.6 per cent.

China's production is projected to rise to 3.4 million ounces by 1991, Brazil's to 2.9 million, Papua-New Guinea's to 1.4 million, the Philippines to 1.2 million and Colombia's to 1.3 million ounces.

"The projections," the report notes, "are the totals of many

individual companies' plans for their mine production. Increases and decreases from these plans in individual mines and countries often balance each other out, but earthquakes, floods, accidents, strikes or price declines" may reduce actual production below projected figures.

It remarks that 1987 global production of 53.73 million ounces was 3.5 per cent less than had been projected one year previously.

The institute, with 73 corporate members, is the world's largest association of gold miners, refiners, suppliers and manufacturers.

The present price of gold is a little over \$400 per ounce.

World oil prices steady

LONDON, Nov 2. (Reuters): Oil prices were little changed in quiet business on world spot markets today, traders said.

Prices were supported initially by weekly American Petroleum Institute (API) stocks data showing an unexpected 1.04 million barrel draw in US crude stocks. Traders had anticipated up to four million barrels.

However, concern over OPEC overproduction continued to weigh on sentiment and prices subsequently gave up most of the gains.

A Reuters survey estimated OPEC production in October at 21.7 million barrels per day (BPD), up 1.1 million BPD from September.

'Clever strategy and precise calculation are key to success'

China plans to be satellite launching power

XICHANG, China, Nov 2. (Reuters): Amid paddy fields ploughed by water buffalo in centuries-old tradition, China is polishing its showcase of modernisation—a commercial satellite launching programme.

Nestled in the remote mountains of southwestern Sichuan province is the nation's answer to Cape Canaveral and its hope for a slice of a world market dominated by the American and European space programmes.

"Clever strategy and precise calculation are the key to success," read the words of former Defence Minister Zhang Aiping inscribed over the doorway to the launch site's command centre.

Inside, a huge electronic board displays flight data while an oversized video screen can be used to view the rocket as it soars towards the heavens.

Task
Nearby, an 11-storey launch tower awaits its next task late this year when a Chinese communications satellite will be blasted into geostationary orbit on a long march three rocket — China's biggest.

"We have limited launching capability," said Colonel Tong

Lianjie, director of Xichang's space centre, speaking to reporters during a rare visit to this launch site run by the military.

"We are not a threat to other countries in this business," he said.

But China has been trying to speed development of its commercial satellite launching service, taking advantage of the US space shuttle disaster in 1986 and setbacks to the European Ariane space programme.

Boost
Last week its space programme was given a boost when US and Chinese officials came close to an accord that would let Beijing launch three American-built satellites — one for a Hong Kong-based group and two for Australia.

Chinese officials apparently have convinced Washington they would not use a commercial launch to steal technology barred to them on political grounds.

They have argued that American satellites would remain in American hands until they were ready for lift-off aboard one of China's long march rockets.

"The US has no reason to worry about loss of technology," said Li Ruosheng, chief engineer at the space centre.

"We can guarantee protection and we mean what we say," he added.

Prices
But the two sides failed to agree on "fair" prices, one of the conditions required for US approval, and another round of talks is scheduled for November.

China may be charging 30 per cent less than other launchers for their services, and its competitors say that is unfairly low.

Space centre officials declined to reveal how much they would charge, saying only their prices reflected lower costs.

China has been in the space race since 1970 when it launched its first satellite, which played the Maoist anthem "the east is red" as it orbited earth.

Since then China has successfully launched a total of 24 satellites, admitting to two failures.

A Chinese satellite successfully carried scientific gear into space for the French firm Matra last year and another was launched with West German ins-

truments aboard in August.

"In effect we are already in the commercial satellite launching business," said Colonel Tong.

China has two other launch sites — one in the Gobi desert in western Gansu province and another in the northern province of Shanxi.

But it is Xichang that is expected to earn much needed foreign currency by launching communications satellites into higher orbits.

So far Beijing has poured more than 400 million yuan (\$108 million) into the site, which launched its first satellite in 1984.

It now can launch satellites of 1.5 tonnes but by 1990 a second launch pad will be in place, able to carry payloads up to 8.8 tonnes.

Eventually, Xichang could launch as many as six satellites between October and May when weather is best, officials said.

But not only weather and technology confront China's drive to break into the space market.

When a launch is scheduled, several thousand villagers are asked to evacuate their mud huts within 10 km (six miles) of the space centre.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

BOMBAY: — Share prices rose sharply for the second day in a row on hectic speculative and investment buying. Brokers said sustained buying by state-owned financial institutions chiefly boosted the market, which suffered a setback last week.

ZURICH: — Swiss shares ended a quiet session firmer, dealers said, with foreign demand helping banks and insurance which led gains. The Swiss index rose three points to

943.6 points.

PARIS: — French shares ended firmer in thin trade with interest after the long weekend focussed on Societe Generale in an otherwise featureless market. The 50-share Bourse Indicator ended 0.56 pct up.

LONDON: — Growing bearishness over the dollar and realisation UK interest rates would not come down in the near future pushed shares lower. By 1550 GMT the FTSE 100 was 18.5 points off at 1,839.3.

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If you have ever played a game called 'Chinese Whispers', where a sentence is whispered from person to person in a large group, you will know just how much the original sentence can change by the time it is spoken aloud by the last person. Of course, part of the reason for this is that the sentence is not clearly heard as it is passed on, but another reason is that people either add words or leave them out to make the sentence funnier or more interesting.

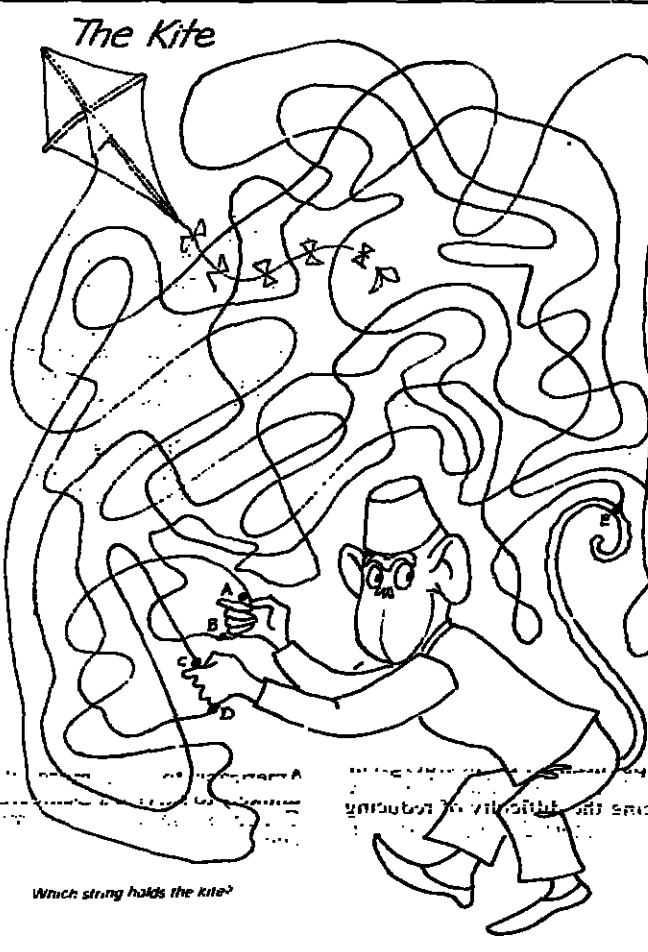
The point I want to make is that this is often what happens to rumours and gossip — things get added or taken away and a story which was quite harmless in the beginning ends up as something very dangerous. It may be that this bad talk does not actually get changed very much, but what is going round was untrue or twisted information in the first place.

The lesson to be learned is not to spread such gossip and rumours by repeating something unkind someone has told you about a friend or class-mate. Even if what you have heard is true, it is unfair to go around telling dozens of people a secret that was first meant to be heard by only one person. If the rumour is not true, then you could be playing a part in making someone very unhappy, especially if he or she cannot get people to believe the truth.

The best advice is to break the rumour chain and say nothing. Just imagine how you would feel if others were spreading gossip about you!

Auntie Jayne

Solution to Tuesday's crossword:
Across: 1 Tunic; 4 Model; 7 Eulists; 8 Ode; 9 Canal; 10 Flag; 12 Eek; 14 East; 16 Issue; 19 Car; 20 Concert; 21 Water; 22 Timid
Down: 1 Treacle; 2 Nylon; 3 Castle; 4 Mask; 5 Droll; 6 Lie; 11 Greeted; 13 Linnet; 15 Strut; 17 Steam; 18 Scar; 19 Cow



Happiness

Happiness is going to the park.
Happiness is listening to the lark.
Happiness is playing games.
Happiness is in London having picnics near the Thames.
Happiness is going to the beaches.
Happiness is having peaches.
Happiness is swimming in the pool.
Happiness is studying in the school.

Mans thanks to Miss Surekha Baliga, aged 10, of Class V Curniel School, for sending in this nice poem.

THERE was once a woman who had no children, and this caused her great sorrow.

"Dear sun," she said one warm summer's day, "give me a baby girl, and I will give her back to you when she is twelve years old." So the sun gave her a little girl, who was called Letiko, and the woman was extremely fond of her.

Now when Letiko was twelve years old, she went one day to gather wild flowers in the meadow, and the sun came to her, saying, "Letiko, go and tell your mother that the time has come for her to keep her promise to me."

So Letiko went home, and told her mother that a fine gentleman had told her that it was time for her mother's promise to be kept. Her mother turned pale with fright, and rushed to close all the doors and windows in the house, to prevent the sun from coming in.

But she forgot the key-hole, and through this the sun sent a sunbeam, which seized Letiko and took her off to the sun.

Now one day the sun sent Letiko into the barn to fetch some straw. She sat down on one of the bales and began to cry.

"Just as you sigh beneath me, straw," she said, "so my heart sighs for my dear mother."

She was so long away that when she came back the sun asked her, "What is

the matter, Letiko? Why were you away for so long?"

"My slippers are so big," she replied, "that I can hardly walk in them."

So the sun made her slippers a little smaller.

On another occasion the sun sent her to the spring for water, and she sat down beside the spring and cried.

"Just as you flow past me, water, so flows my heart with longing to my dear mother."

Again she was a long time away, so when she came back the sun asked her, "What is the matter, Letiko? Why were you away for so long?"

"My dress is too long, and I trip over it when I walk," she said.

So the sun cut her dress a little shorter.

Not long afterwards he sent her for a pair of sandals. As Letiko was carrying them back she again began to cry.

"Just as you creak, leather, so my heart creaks for my dear mother."

"What is the matter, Letiko?" asked the sun once again. "Why were you away for so long?"

"My hat is too wide and if I fall over my eyes," she replied.

So the sun made her hat a little narrower.

But the sun was well aware of Letiko's sadness, for he had heard her crying for her mother. So he sent for two young hares, and asked them if they would be willing to take Letiko

The sun-child



back to her.

"Yes, indeed," they replied.

"What will you eat and drink," asked the sun, "if you are hungry and thirsty on the way?"

"We shall eat grass, and drink the sparkling waters of the streams," they replied.

"All right," said the sun. "Look after her carefully and take her home to her mother."

So the two young hares set off with Letiko, but it was a long, long way to her mother's house, and the hares began to feel hungry.

"Dear Letiko," they said, "climb this tree and stay there in safety until we have eaten."

So the hares went off to look for fresh grass, while Letiko sat in the fork of the tree and looked round about her. Suddenly a

wicked witch appeared below, and said, "Come down, my child, come and see what beautiful shoes I have!"

"Oh, my shoes are much more beautiful than yours!" replied Letiko.

"Quickly, my child, hurry up!" said the witch. "It is time I was sweeping out my house!"

"Go and sweep it then," said Letiko, "and come back here when you've finished."

So the witch went away and swept out her house, and returned beneath the tree, calling up, "Come down, my child, come and see what lovely clothes I have!"

"Oh, my clothes are much more lovely than yours!" replied Letiko.

"Come down at once, do you hear!" cried the witch, stamping her foot with

rage. "If you don't come, I will chop the tree down and eat you up!"

"Very well," said Letiko. "Chop it down and eat me up!"

So the witch hacked away, but she could not chop down the tree.

"Letiko, Letiko," she called up once more, "my children are hungry and want their food."

"Then go and feed them, and come back here when you have finished."

Off went the witch, and without wasting an instant Letiko called, "Little hares, little hares, come here!" The two hares came bounding back to the tree, so Letiko climbed down and off they went as fast as possible.

But the witch followed after them and tried to catch them.

Her way lay across a field where she saw people working.

"Did anyone pass this way?" she asked.

The people replied, "We are planting beans."

"Beans?" exclaimed the witch. "I asked you if anyone had passed this way."

"Can you not hear?" said the people. "We are planting beans, beans, beans!"

The witch scowled at them and hurried on her way.

Meanwhile Letiko was near home.

The cat, who was sitting in the sunshine on the roof, blinked her eyes and cried,

"Miaow! Miaow! Letiko is coming!"

"You miserable cat," said Letiko's mother, "do you want to break my heart?"

Then the dog saw her coming, pricked up his ears and barked, "Woof! Woof! Letiko is coming!"

"You miserable dog," said Letiko's mother, "do you want to break my heart?"

The cock, who was perched on the gate, shook his red comb and crowed, "Cock-a-doodle-doo! Letiko is coming."

"You miserable bird," said Letiko's mother, "do you want to break my heart?"

At that very moment Letiko and the two hares slipped through the gate and in at the door. The witch was close behind, and she grabbed one of the hares by the tail and pulled the tail right off. Then she vanished.

Letiko's mother flung both arms round her neck and wept for joy. Then she turned to the hare who had lost his tail, saying, "Dear hare, you have brought me back my Letiko, so I will make you a beautiful new tail of silver."

This she did, and from that day onwards Letiko and her mother lived happily together. The two hares settled down near the cottage and brought up a family of six beautiful baby hares, and three of them had silver tails, just like their father's.

Coconut pyramids



Ingredients
75 g (3 oz) desiccated coconut
75 g (3 oz) caster sugar
1 egg white
2 glace cherries (cut into quarters)

Equipment
Mixing bowl
Whisk
Wooden spoon
Teaspoon
Egg cup
Baking sheet (nonstick or greased)

1. Put oven on at Gas

Mark 4 (electricity 350°F, 180°C).

2. Place the egg white in a mixing bowl. Whisk until white and fluffy.

3. Add sugar and coconut and mix well.

4. Dip egg cup in water and then fill with mixture.

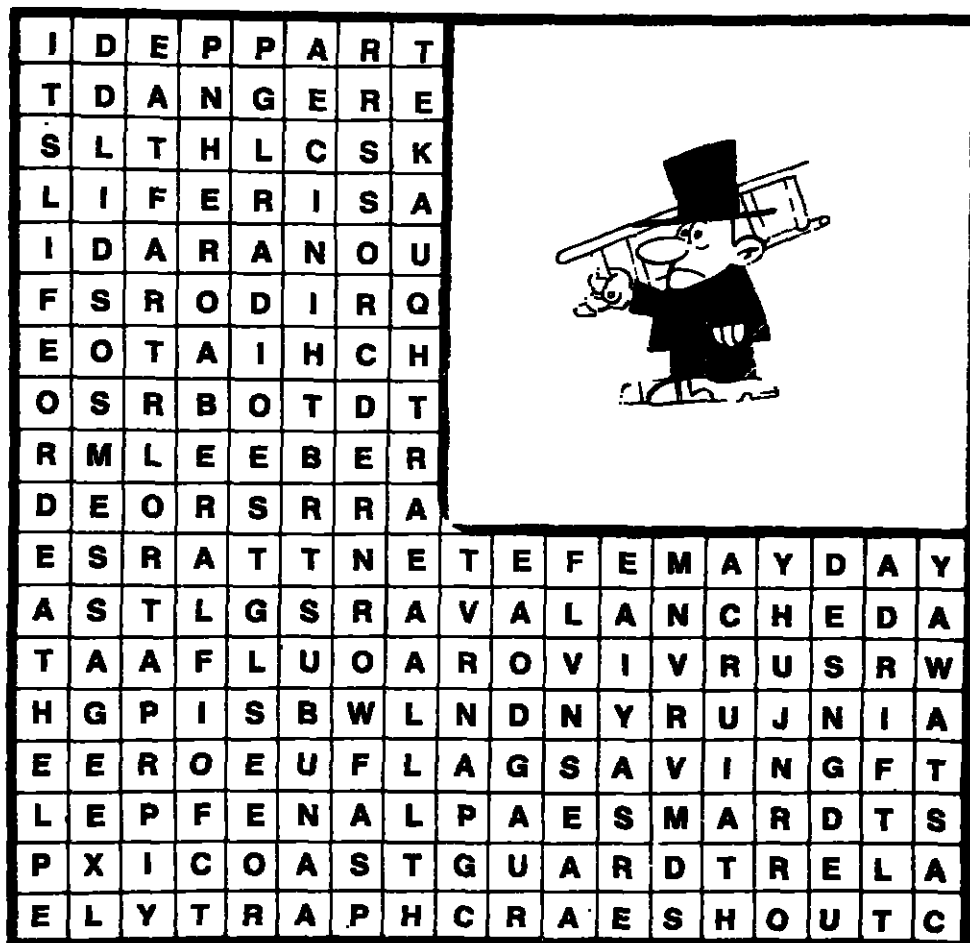
5. Shake out gently onto baking sheet. Repeat with rest of mixture.

6. Top each pyramid with a piece of glace cherry.

7. Bake for 15-20 minutes until the cakes are a light golden brown.

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Clue: He saves from the sea (9 letters)



Customer: Cod and chips twice, please.
Shopkeeper: I heard you the first time.

What are the best things to put in a fruit cake?
Teeth.

The thunder god, Thor, went for a ride on his favourite horse.
"I'm Thor!" he cried.
The horse answered, "You forgot the thaddle, thilly."

What happened to the man who didn't know toothpaste from putty?
All his windows fell out.

What is the most valuable fish?
A goldfish.

What has a hundred limbs but can't move?
A tree.

What happened to the refrigerator when the plug was pulled off?
It lost its cool.

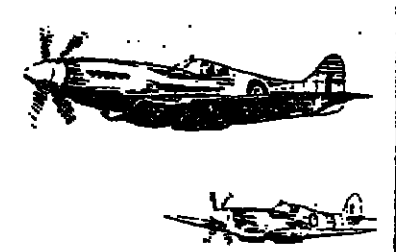
What did Frankenstein say when hit by lightning?
"Thanks, I needed that."

What comes from trees and fights cavities?
A toothpick.

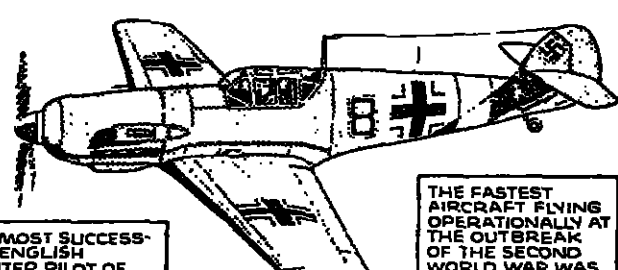
Molly: You remind me of a film star.
Dolly: Really? Who?
Molly: Jaws.

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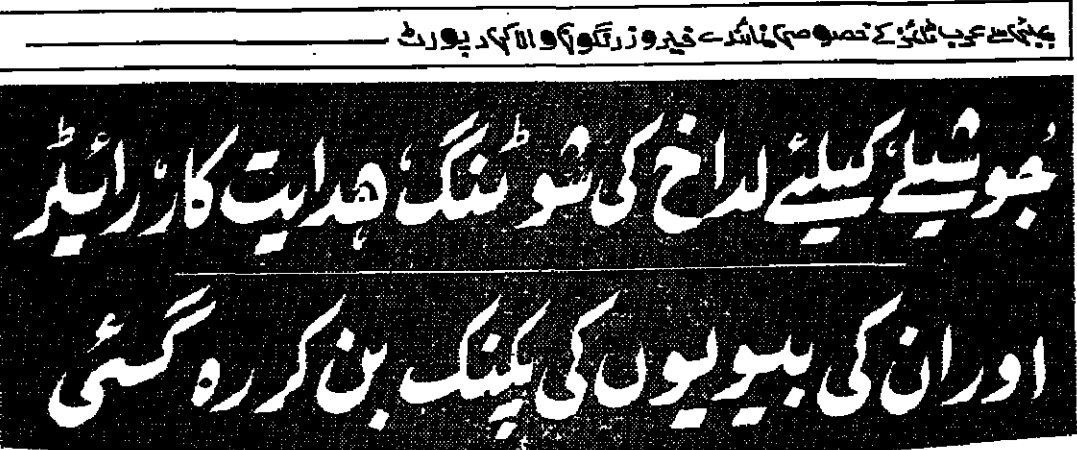
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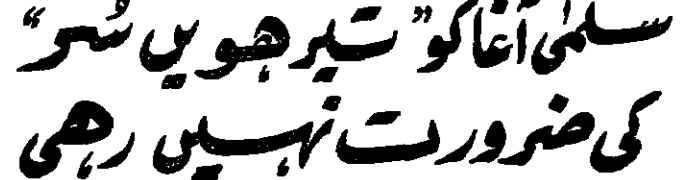
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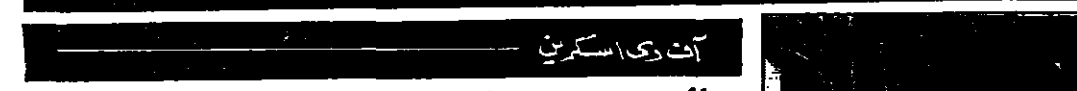
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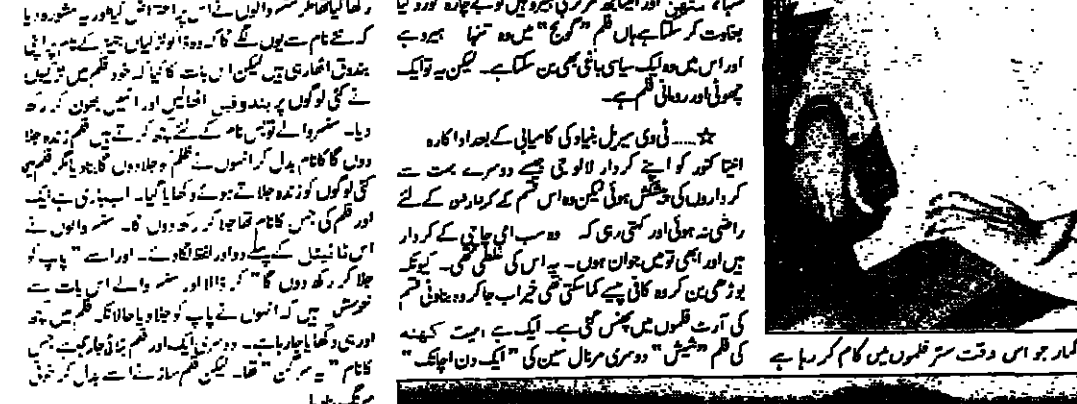
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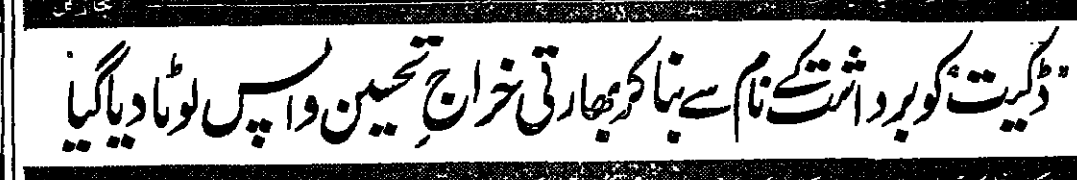
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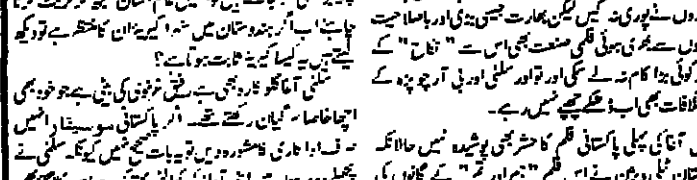
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Cougars outshone other boats: Wilson

By Gail Seery

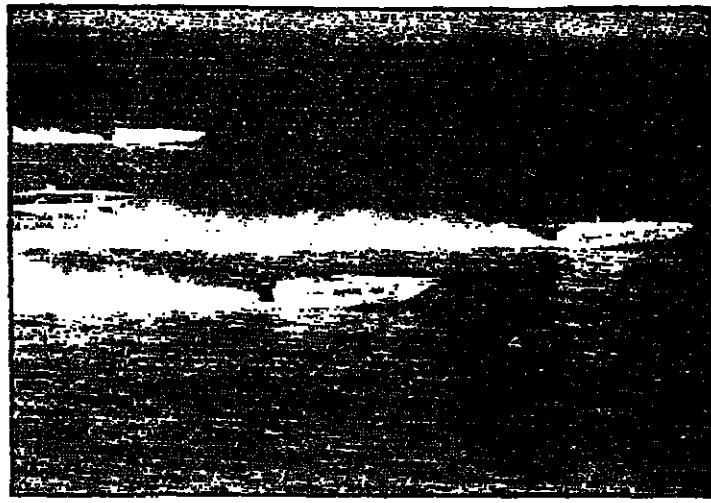
THERE can be little doubt that the third Bi-annual Kuwait Off-shore Powerboat Race, held last Friday, was the best of the series to date. This time, despite a late start for "technical reasons", the race took place without a hiccup, and the scrutineering at the Sha'ab slipway was most certainly a successful and welcome innovation.

Grant Wilson of Cougar visited Kuwait for the second race held in June last year, and was also present for Friday's contest, to watch the progress made by the race committee, and also to lend support to the three Cougars which were expecting to race.

Problems

"This race was a lot better," he said. "Most of the hiccups from last time had been ironed out." There were still one or two minor problems, but Wilson sees a big improvement. "The next step is to form a race committee which will work from now to make sure that the next race is even better."

Wilson, an ex-world championship level throttleman himself, was pleased that, with five Cougar hulls currently racing in the Gulf, Cougar now had an



The boats at the start of the race.

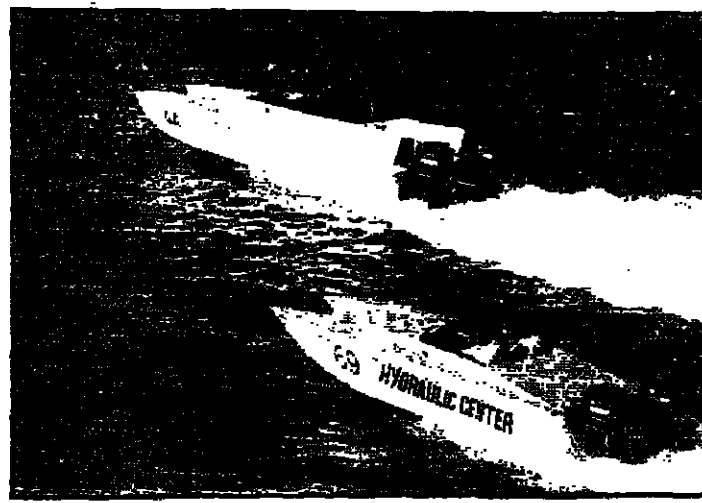
outright win to its credit. "Khaled Al Khaled did well, but I didn't have much to do with his boat," he said, expressing an opinion that the Cougars outshone all the other boats. He dismissed the Dubai-built Tiger-cats, and added: "The best outside boat was the Dubai boat, belonging to Khaled Bakhit." That boat was a US-built 24-ft. Skater.

"I was very pleased with Nadia Al Mutawa's driving," he said. "In many ways she and Jacqueline White were better

than some of the men, particularly on things like navigation. In the race they followed my advice to the letter."

Of the three Cougars entered, one, driven by Mishal Al Jarallah, and painted in Merit colours, failed to start because of engine problems, and Nadia Al Mutawa was forced to stop when the steering wheel came away in her hands. She was understandably disappointed.

"If we'd have kept going we would probably have finished third," she said modestly, but



Khaled Al Khaled (No. 44) and Sayafe.

from the helicopter it looked as if a higher place was within her grasp.

The third Cougar was driven by Khaled Al Khaled, who won a race on his first time out — an unusual achievement.

The next race is likely to be in May, although it is hoped that smaller events can now be held more frequently.

Hossam Sayafe, who flipped his Tiger-cat before the race is looking forward to racing again, but the damage sustained by his boat looks irrevocable. Fortun-

ately the same cannot be said for the damage done to throttleman Amjad Qutaineh. Although it was reported that he had broken his leg in the accident, he is out of hospital with nothing worse than a few cuts and bruises.

Arab Times would like to thank the helicopter pilots and the Coast Guard for all their help in making the race happen. Once again, we'd like to say a special thank you to the marshalls and helpers who, under the watchful eye of Wa'el Khoury, "helped make it happen".

New boxing group formed

LAS VEGAS, Nov 2, (Reuters): Yet another bunch of letters apparently has been thrown into the already murky alphabet soup that makes up boxing's governing bodies.

The new entry, the World Boxing Organisation (WBO), has not been announced officially, but promoter Bob Arum says it has been formed.

It's a good bet that it's no coincidence the first bout it will sanction is this Friday's Thomas Hearns-James Kinchen North American Boxing Federation (NABF) super middleweight title fight.

Lalonde overconfident, says Leonard

LAS VEGAS, Nov 2, (Reuters): A fighter's success depends greatly on confidence, but Sugar Ray Leonard said yesterday that Donny Lalonde has too much of it.

"His major weakness is his confidence. He gets right-hand crazy," said Leonard, referring to Lalonde's much heralded right hand which has taken him to a 31-2 record.

Holding

Lalonde's left is notoriously underdeveloped, the result of many shoulder separations and a permanently-implanted pin holding it together.

"He keeps his chin straight up," said Leonard (34-1) of the Canadian whom he fights on Monday for two titles — the World Boxing Council's (WBC) light heavyweight crown and the WBC's newly-created super middleweight championship.

Leonard, 32, coming out of retirement for the third time does not appear to be keeping many secrets about his strategy against the 28-year-old Lalonde.

"He's very susceptible to left hooks and a lead-off right hand," Leonard told reporters after a workout in Caesars Palace, where the fight will be held in an

outdoor arena.

Leonard was asked about Lalonde's comment that Leonard does not have the 'guts' to stand toe-to-toe with him.

Credit

"He's a very intelligent man. No, I won't stand toe-to-toe with him. Maybe I'll get behind him," said Leonard with a grin. "The key is to stay to my right, away from his right."

Leonard appeared to be warming up his noted psychological warfare, credited for helping him in his stunning upset of Marvin Hagler in April 1987 for the WBC middleweight title.

"We'll have to see what happens. Will Lalonde freeze when he gets in front of 15,000 people? Will he get right-hand crazy? That's one of the things I'll capitalise on," Leonard said.

Leonard said it was not true that he forced Lalonde, who normally fights at 175 pounds (79.3 kg), to come in at 168 pounds (76.2 kg) to fight him.

"Hell he's a natural 168," Leonard said he will weigh his current 162 pounds (73.4 kg) for the fight, for which he will earn about \$15 million.

Lalonde will receive about \$5 million.

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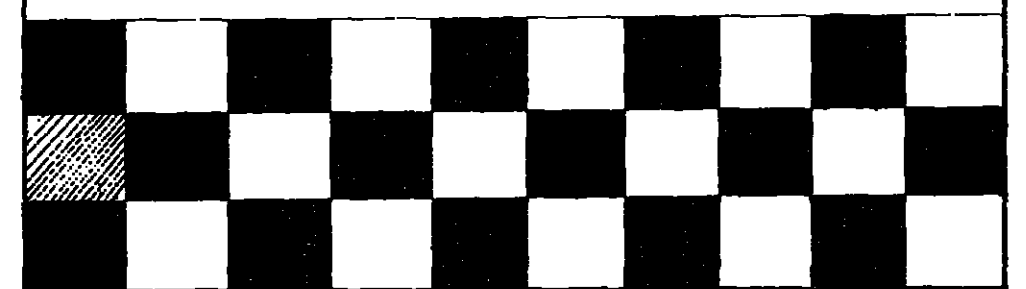
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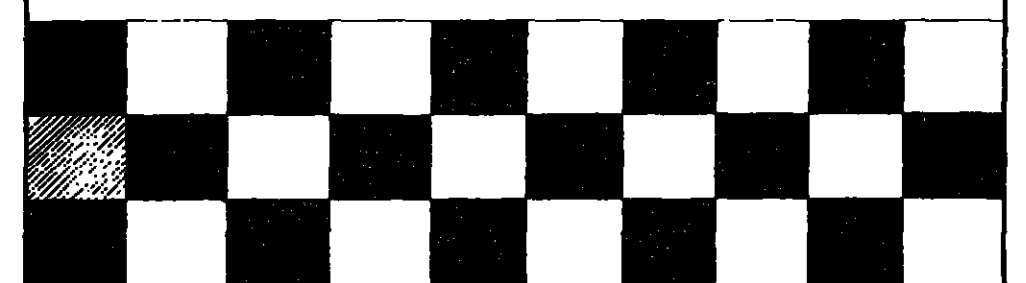
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SPORTS BRIEFS

Drug testing

BORLANGE, Sweden, Nov. 2. (Reuters): Sports officials from 26 countries recommended today that governments adopt random and out-of-competition drug testing of athletes to prevent recurrences of the Seoul Olympics scandal.

Political asylum

ANKARA, Nov. 2. (Reuters): Turkey has granted temporary political asylum to Doyna Priskarnita, the trainer of the Romanian women's fencing team who sought refuge while in Ankara for Balkan Championship Games, a security official said today.

Brazilian striker

ROME, Nov. 2. (UPI): Ascoli's Brazilian centreforward Walter Casagrande was resting comfortably today after two hours of knee surgery which ended his Italian soccer season before it began.

Young talent

VIENNA, Nov. 2. (UPI): After the unsatisfactory results at the recent Seoul Olympics, the Austrian Track and Field Association will take definite steps to encourage young talent. Week-end courses for junior athletes will be held and the budget for women athletes will be raised.

Federation Cup

SYDNEY, Nov. 2. (Reuters): Argentine Gabriela Sabatini today joined a list of top women players to withdraw from next month's Federation Cup, to be held at the National Tennis Centre in Melbourne.

Cassidy wins

SAO PAULO, Nov. 2. (Reuters): Unseeded American Dan Cassidy ousted top seed Luiz Mattar of Brazil 6-2, 6-2 in the opening round of the \$130,000 Sao Paulo Men's tennis tournament yesterday.

Rod Laver

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 2. (UPI): Australian Rod Laver, a double Grand Slam winner in the 1960s, says 1989 would be a decisive year for young American Andre Agassi's future and possible the time for West German Boris Becker to take over as the world's No. 1 tennis player.

Charity match

TURIN, Italy, Nov. 2. (AP): Members of Italy's 1982 World Cup championship team and an all-star selection from the "rest of the world" put on a scoring show yesterday as they played to a 3-3 draw in a charity match.

BRIDGE

RESULTS of the Regency Palace Ladies Bridge Club game played yesterday morning:

1. Randa Fima & Sonia Banayan
2. Daphne El Saad & Margaret Maynard
3. Nabil Akel & Lolli Marthwaite

Results of the Messiah Ladies Bridge Club game held on Monday morning:

1. Nabil Akel & Frederique Asfar
2. Juliette Mushalwar & Subandun Oskay

Results of the Regency Palace Bridge Club game held on Sunday:

1. Binasa Moussall & Richard Blackwell
2. Dhamra & Monteiro
3. A. Moussall & Salameh

Results of Sheraton Bridge Club game held on Tuesday:

1. A. L. Duzaj & Merchant
2. Shah & Zubairi
3. Medardi & Latala

Results of Sheraton Bridge Club game held on Tuesday:

1. Dr. Saad & Stueker
2. Mrs. Periera & D'Souza
3. Drevler & Mulherjee

A team of four bridge tournament will be held tomorrow at Sheraton Hotel at 4.00 pm.

SABATINI OVERCOMES REIS

Navratilova routs Schimper



Navratilova: had an easy match

WORCESTER, Mass., Nov. 2. (Agencies): Top-seeded Martina Navratilova coasted, while third seed Gabriela Sabatini had to battle in first-round matches at the \$300,000 New England Women's Tennis Tournament yesterday.

Navratilova raced through a 6-3 6-0 victory over South African Karin Schimper but Sabatini had to fight off a second-set challenge from American Ronni Reis before taking a 6-1 7-5 win.

The Soviets, sixth-seeded Natalia Zvereva and eighth-seeded Larisa Savchenko, also advanced. Zvereva outplayed Hu Na of China 6-3 6-4, while Savchenko overcame a slow start to beat Australian Wendy Turnbull 4-6 6-0 6-1.

Attracted

Fifth-seeded Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia also moved into the second round by beating American Elise Burgin 7-6 (7-3) 6-4.

Chris Evert, the second seed, and her fellow-American Pam Shriver, seeded fourth, were scheduled to play their opening matches today in the 64-player event which has attracted seven of the world's top 10 players.

Navratilova lost just three points in the first four games and raced to a 5-1 lead in the first set before Schimper held and broke service before losing the set.

Navratilova, who took just 18 minutes to win the second set, said she had trouble adjusting to the surroundings.

Sabatini had an easy first set against Reis, but in the second set the Argentine teenager had to come up with two backhand passing shots to hold off set points in the ninth game before closing out the match.

Navratilova explained that she was using the opening match to get used to the large building after practicing in small clubs for the past few weeks.

"I played pretty good, I had two bad games on her serve and she had a great game on my serve," the veteran star said.

Navratilova said she saw no reason why she should not win the \$60,000 first prize in the week-long tournament.

"It will take me a little while to get used to the surroundings. I'm quite happy, I have been hitting the ball really well in practice. When I'm doing that, you don't worry about how you're going to play in the matches because it's going to be there."

Edberg sent crashing out of Open

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 2. (Reuters): Wimbledon champion Stefan Edberg's hopes of winning the Stockholm Open title for the third successive time were dashed yesterday when he was beaten 4-6 6-3 6-1 in the second round by unseeded Italian Paolo Canale.

Edberg's game deteriorated swiftly after he had won the first set with a single service break. He made mistake after mistake and ended up dropping his service three times in the final set.

Afterwards he complained of tiredness. "I could not motivate myself on court," said the world number two. "I have been playing too much recently."

Forced

He said he had reached a point where tennis was no longer fun in its own right, adding that he would restrict his playing scheduled next year.

Boris Becker was forced to pull out all the stops against Sweden Johan Carlsson before winning his second-round match 6-2 2-6 6-3.

Third-seeded Becker looked to be on his way to an easy victory when he cruised through the first set.

But Carlsson, ranked 154th in the world, showed scant respect for the former Wimbledon champion's reputation and big service in the second set, breaking Becker three times.

Smid triumphs

ANTWERP, Belgium, Nov. 2. (Reuters): American Brad Gilbert, beaten in straight sets by Israel's Amos Mansdorf in the Paris Open final on Sunday, suffered another embarrassing defeat in the European Community Tennis championship yesterday.

He lost 6-1 6-4 in the first round to the veteran Czechoslovak Tomas Smid.

Smid dominated the Olympic bronze medalist in every aspect of the game in the first set.

Tottenham hold Blackburn

LONDON, Nov. 2. (Reuters): Big-spending Tottenham's depressing season continued yesterday when they were held to a draw by Second Division Blackburn in the third round of the English League Cup.

Tottenham, bottom of the First Division, looked like going out of the competition when Scott Sellers netted for Blackburn in the 89th minute, but the goal was ruled out for offside.

Crushing

The replay is at Blackburn's Ewood Park ground next Tuesday. West Ham, just above Tottenham in the League table, had a much happier night, crushing

Derby 5-0. Central defender Alvin Martin made the breakthrough in first half injury time by heading a free kick past Peter Shilton, who had conceded just six goals in Derby's first 11 matches this season.

A controversial penalty converted by Ray Stewart after 52 minutes deflated Derby and West Ham took full advantage with further goals by Leroy Rosenior, Martin and Kevin Keen.

Glasgow Rangers stretched their lead in the Scottish Premier Division to five points with a comfortable 3-0 win over Hearts.

Defender Richard Gough put them ahead in the 56th minute and Mark Walters added the second from the penalty spot eight minutes later. Substitute Andy Gray came off the substitutes' bench to score the third 11 minutes from time.

English Football League Cup third round	
Bristol City	4 Crystal 1
Ipswich	2 Leyton Orient 0
Tottenham	0 Blackburn 0
Tranmere	1 Blackpool 0
West Ham	3 Derby 0
Scottish Premier Division	
Motherwell	3 Hearts 0
English Division Three	
Cardiff	3 Bury 0
Wigan	1 Swansea 2

Pele prepared to serve as president

SAO PAULO, Brazil, Nov. 2. (UPI): Soccer 'king' Pele said in an interview published yesterday he is prepared to serve as president of his native Brazil if the people want him.

"If the people want Pele to be president of the republic, I'd not be afraid to take on the job," the 48-year-old former soccer star told the 'Jornal da Tarde' newspaper.

Pele, whose real name is Edson Arantes do Nascimento, said he was certain his fans trusted him and believed him to be an honest person, but he was thwarted by political corruption.

"These days in Brazil, corruption is worse than AIDS," he said.

He said Brazil's government was stupid to be keeping the mass of people in poverty in what is basically a rich country.

"If the government wants to eat caviar and drink whiskey then let it do so, but at least they should give the people food, some rice and beans and a drop of sugar-cane rum, because the Brazilian people are satisfied with just a little," he said.

He said the gulf between rich and poor was leading to better-off families living behind barred windows, afraid to go out on the streets.

Romania crush Greece

BUCHAREST, Nov. 2. (Reuters): Romania crushed Greece 3-0 today to establish themselves as clear leaders of their World Cup qualifying group after two matches.

The Romanians, built round a core of players from national champions Steaua Bucharest, underlined their status as favourites in European Group One with a comfortable victory.

Escape

Greece, seeking nothing more than a draw with their cautious approach, were swept aside. They rarely managed to escape from their own half as the Romanians followed their 3-1 win in Bulgaria last month with another impressive performance.

Greece, who drew 1-1 at home with Denmark in their opening match last month, were struggling from the start. Romania

opened the scoring in the 26th minute when striker Marius Lacatus broke on the right and crossed for Dorin Mateuc to crash the ball home from 20 metres.

The goal was very similar to his memorable strike against Bulgaria last month.

Fourteen minutes later Rodion Camataru was brought down as he broke through the centre and George Hagi scored the second with an accurate shot from the penalty spot.

Romania then controlled the game at their ease and the only surprise was that they had to wait until the 84th minute before scoring their third goal.

It came from a fine solo effort by Ovidiu Sabau who left several defenders in his wake before shooting past goalkeeper Ilias Talikariadis.

Ditka in serious condition

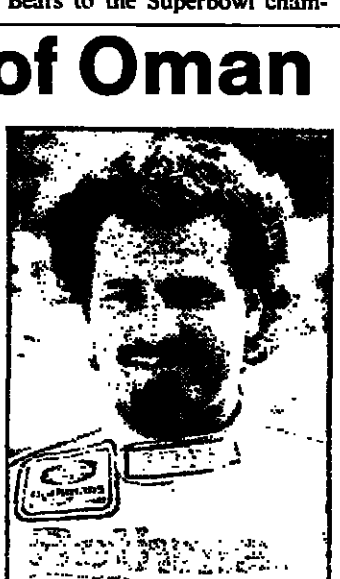
LAKE FOREST, Illinois, Nov. 2. (Reuters): Chicago Bears head coach Mike Ditka was admitted to hospital today suffering chest pains and was reported in serious condition under the care of a cardiologist.

A spokeswoman for Lake Forest Hospital said it was not known if the National Football League coach, who guided the Bears to the Superbowl cham-

pionship in 1985, had suffered a heart attack.

A team spokesman said Ditka, 49, became ill in his office at the Bears training camp in the affluent Chicago suburb of Lake Forest this morning and was driven to hospital.

"He was brought in this morning suffering from chest pains. He is in serious condition," the hospital spokeswoman said.



Al Hajri: out

Ahmed Bin Khalifa was in the practice car, which had been put through practice sessions by both drivers, before the rally.

Toni Georgiou, fourth off the ramp in his Nissan 240 RS was having serious problems after a steering arm broke on the first corner of stage two. The whole

arm was damaged, and Toni Georgiou was clearly concerned at how much damage had been done to the car on the rest of the way through the stage. He and navigator Tom Steele look 16 minutes and 24 seconds to get through the stage, and clocked up a three minute penalty for late arrival at the service area following the stage.

"There are a lot of big stones to contend with as well," said Steele. "They've probably been kicked up by the cars in front. We're running fourth on the road and finding it bad—it must be a lot worse for the people at the back." He added that several times they had needed to move off the track because of large stones lying in the road.

Experience Before the rally competitors and team members were tending to take the view that barring problems, a win for Waldegard was on the cards. He is an A-seeded driver, who has experience of the Middle East,

having taken a convincing win in the 1986 Qatar Rally, and who knows the Toyota Celica Twin-cam Turbo very well. "In many ways he developed the car," explained Toyota PR man Fraser Martin. "No-one knows that car better than he does."

Martin felt however that the only competition here for the Toyota team, came as always, from Saeed Al Hajri.

With the car, Ahmed Bin Khalifa also got the loan of navigator Roman Morgan. "We are out for third place," he said. "Anything above that is a nice bonus for him."

Leading positions at end of first day:

1. B. Waldegard/T. Gallagher (S/GB) Toyota Celica Turbo 37 mins 37 sec
2. A. Khalifa/R. Morgan (UAE/IRL) Toyota Celica Turbo 39:14
3. A. Al Mosawi/T. O'Reilly (Q/IRL) Mitsubishi Pajero 43:27
4. A. Lamki/G. Aletraris (O) Nissan 240RS 45:40
5. M. Barwani/F. Al Himai (O) Nissan 240RS 47:12



Ratnayake: Man of the Match

Sri Lanka make short work of Bangladesh

DHAKA, Nov. 2. (Reuters): Sri Lanka, already qualified for the Asia Cup cricket final, beat hosts Bangladesh by nine wickets in the penultimate match of the tournament today.

They will meet India in the final on Friday. The Sri Lankans made a short shift of the inexperienced Bangladesh side who were making only their second appearance in international cricket. The home team never recovered after losing their first four wickets for eight runs and managed only 118 for eight in their 45 overs.

Ravi Ratnayake, the pace bowler who led his side in the absence of injured captain Ranjan Madugalle, took four for 23 and won the Man of the Match award.

Sri Lanka replied with 120 for one to pass the Bangladesh score with more than 14 overs to spare.

Opener Brendon Kuruppu played a polished, unbeaten innings of 58 and at no time seemed troubled against a weak Bangladeshi attack.

The match itself was a mere formality for the Sri Lankans who had already qualified for the final by beating Pakistan and India.

Scoreboard

BANGLADESH	
Faruque Ahmed c De Silva b Ratnayake	0
H. Rashid c Kuruppu b Ratnayake	0
Azhar Shamsi lb Ratnayake	3
G. Ashraf b Ratnayake	2
Azhar Ali st Kuruppu b De Silva	30
Minkha Nana c Anurasiri b Madanasinghe	10
Akram Khan c Kuruppu b Anurasiri	9
Anisul Bulbul c Anurasiri b Ratnayake	27
Gulam Faruk not out	23
Nasir Ahmed not out	2
Extras (b-1, lb-2, w-5, nb-0)	12
Total (for eight wickets, 45 overs)	118
Did not bat: Nasser Prince.	
Fall of wickets: 1-1 2-2 3-4 4-5 5-42 6-62 7-68 8-114	

SRI LANKA	
Bowling: Ravi Ratnayake 8-1-23-4, Champa Ramanyake 6-2-6-1, Kapila Gunawardene 6-1-21-0, Atala Samarasekera 2-0-11-0, Don Anurasiri 9-2-18-1, Ranjit Madanasinghe 9-0-11-1, Arvind de Silva 5-1-25-1	
R. Kuruppu not out	58
R. Ratnayake lb b Azhar	17
A. Samarasekera not out	38
Extras (b-1 lb-4 w-1 nb-1)	7
Total (one wicket - 30.4 overs)	120
Fall of wickets: 1-57 2-59 3-61 4-63 5-64 6-65 7-72 8-73 9-74	

BOWLING: Nasser Prince 4-1-15-0, Gulam Faruk 8-1-34-0, Atahar Ali 4-0-17-0, Azhar Hossain 6-4-0-20-1, Anisul Bulbul 6-0-23-0, Akram Khan 2-0-6-0	
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Lloyd calls on W.Indies to curb natural instincts

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Hadlee takes nine for 55 to scuttle West Zone

RAJKOT, India, Nov. 2. (Reuters): Richard Hadlee gave an early reminder of the quality of his fast-medium bowling by finishing with nine for 55 in New Zealand's opening cricket tour match against West Zone today.

Hadlee's devastating form on a placid pitch caused the Indian side to crumble from their over-ninety 149 for four to 253 all out in their first innings on the second day of the three-day match.

Completed Openers Trevor Franklin, who hit an unbeaten 72, and John Wright (42 not out) completed a fine day for New Zealand with an unbroken partnership of 118 by the close.

Hadlee, who destroyed much of the front line batting with a spell of four for 24 on first day, continued in equally telling form by firing out both overnight batsmen for the addition of only 10 runs.

However, Radia (31) and Sulakshan Kulkarni (47) led a fightback when Hadlee was rested, putting on 69 for the seventh wicket, but the innings was swiftly wrapped up on the all-rounder's return after lunch.

Hadlee was prevented from making a clean sweep by off-spinner John Bracewell, who took the last wicket when he had Kulkarni caught by Franklin at short extra cover.

The New Zealand openers took full advantage of the docile pitch, with Franklin striking 12 fours after being dropped off spinner Azim Khan, while his captain, Wright, hit six fours.

Scoreboard

WEST ZONE first innings	
R. Rajput c Blain b Hadlee	4
S. Hattangadi b Hadlee	1
S. Kalyani c Blain b Hadlee	82
S. Manjekar c b Hadlee	7
A. Pandey lb b Hadlee	1
T. Arora b Hadlee	56
B. Radia lb b Hadlee	31
S. Kulkarni c Franklin b Bracewell	47
A. Khan lb b Hadlee	0
R. Kulkarni lb b Hadlee	7
S. Rajane not out	58
Extras (b-1 lb-2 nb-1)	13
Total (no wicket)	253
Fall of wickets: 1-5 2-9 3-21 4-23 5-152 6-159 7-228 8-234 9-249	

BOWLING: Hadlee 14-5-55-9, Chatfield 20-5-44-0, Seiden 6-0-19-4, Gray 18-4-50-0, Bracewell 29-4-82-1	
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NEW ZEALAND first innings	
T. Franklin not out	72
J. Wright not out	42
Extras (b-2 lb-2)	4
Total (no wicket)	118

To bat: A. Jones, M. Grestbach, K. Rutherford, J. Bracewell, E. Gray, T. Blain, R. Hadlee, M. Seiden, E. Chatfield.

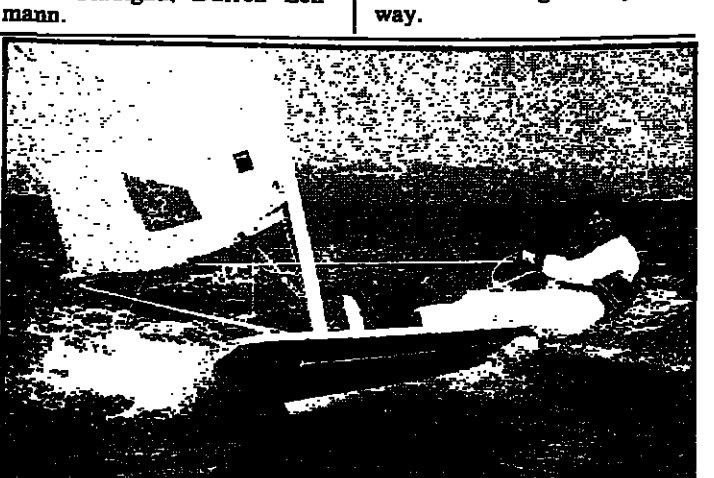
Bowling to date: R. Kulkarni 6-2-20-0, Rajane 7-3-16-0, Radia 12-3-20-0, Khan 11-1-39-0, Rajput 6-3-13-0, Arora 3-1-6-0.

No surprises in Australian team

LONDON, Nov. 2. (Reuters): Australia sprang no surprises today when they announced their team for Saturday's rugby union Test against England at Twickenham.

In the only position where there was some doubt, Bill Campbell won the nod over Damien Frawley for one of the lock places.

"It was a difficult choice, but in the end we thought Bill could secure more line-out ball for us," said tour manager Andy Conway.



A sailor in action on one of the Lasers

tical, testing the helms